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Poetry.

Trust is Truth.

God's plans are deep and wide. The years
are hours,
And centuries but years in God's own time;
While we, with downcast eyes and puny
powers,
Too weak to understand His plans sublime,
Grope blindly on along our narrow ways,
And measure wisdom by our years and days.
So from the sage, who seeks with wishes wild
All knowledge, are the simplest things con-
cealed;
While to the trustful pleading of a child
Are mighty truths and hidden things re-
vealed;
And dark events no wisest seeker sees,
God's angels whisper to the least of these.
One life is but a single passing breath;
One lifetime but a short and slender span;
So some die young, while some wait long for
death,
And all is equalized in God's great plan.
What matters it if God's invited leave
At early morn, or in the hush of eve?
Thus men walk onward, and the whitened
head
Bows low beneath the burden of the years,
While childhood hears death's message with-
out dread,
And angels guard it from its griefs and
fears;
Death brings no vain regret, repentance wild,
Or fierce rebellion to the trustful child.
In this is highest wisdom; he who brings
His offering of childlike simple trust,
Is wiser far than he whose wisdom clings
To every doubt; and, delving in the dust,
Stirs such a cloud of ills as veil the sun,
Creating darkness ere his day is done.
Child-trust is truth. The sun is often shin-
ing
For those who see the sunbeams in a tear,
And there is little gloom or vain repining
For those whose faith, pure, crystalline and
clear,
Sees lights reflected from bright angel wings—
The pictured grace concealed in duller things,
That sweet child-wisdom which contentment
brings.
So age learns lessons from extremest youth;
That truth is trust, and trust itself is truth.
—I. Edgar Jones.

Notes.

"Listen only to the crying of a soul,
Out of the depths where many billows roll:
And lend a hand,
If thou dost understand."

A LADY once asked Mr. Wesley, "Sup-
posing that you knew that you were to die
at 12 o'clock to-morrow night, how would
you spend the intervening time?"
"How, madam?" he replied. "Why,
just as I intend to spend it now. I should
preach this evening at Gloucester, and
again at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning;
after that I should ride to Tewksbury,
preach in the afternoon, and meet the
societies in the evening. I should then
repair to friend Martin's house, who ex-
pects to entertain me, converse and pray
with the family as usual, retire to my room
at 10 o'clock, commend myself to my
heavenly Father, lie down to rest and wake
up in glory."

A STRUGGLE with a small income is not
an inconsiderable trial, but it is the lot of
many ministers of the gospel. But even
this is often made a blessing to the children
unto the third and fourth generation. We
have heard eminent and successful business
men, the sons of ministers, express their
gratitude that they were trained of neces-

ity to industry, frugality and economy, the
essentials of success. For all the varied
experience of the ministry there is strength
and encouragement in remembering the
words of the Lord Jesus, how He said:
"The disciple is not above his master,
nor the servant above his lord. It is
enough for the disciple that he be as his
master and the servant as his lord"—*Her-
ald and Presbyterian.*

AMERICANS have immense faith in the
efficiency of law as a remedy for the ills of
society. In their view law, when held in
one's hand and shaken over the disorder,
has a magic charm and potency to drive
away evil spirits and restore order in the
world—as though law possessed any force
in itself! Law simply marks the path of
the man behind it. The force is in the
executor. The best laws are dead letters
without stern, inexorable men to put them
in force. The whole country is roused to
secure the enactment of a law against the
rum power, and then everybody sits down
to see it work. When will men learn that a
law, to be of any value, must be executed;
and to have it executed you must put be-
hind it a set of men who believe in it and
have the courage of their convictions and
dare try it on?—*Western Christian Advo-
cate.*

Communications.

For The Messenger.

Franklin and Marshall College in Missionary Work.

MR. EDITOR:—I have just returned from
the Missionary meeting of the General
Synod. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, of Reading,
Pa., led off with a ringing speech, which
held the close attention of the audience.
He was followed by Rev. D. B. Shuey,
Gerhart, of Kansas City, where he is a mis-
sionary, a city containing now 150,000
inhabitants; but by the time this reaches
the reader of THE MESSENGER the statis-
tics will need to be changed, for some of
our western cities are increasing in popula-
tion by thousands daily. These two
speeches were followed by Rev. D. B.
Shuey, Superintendent of Missions in Kan-
sas, and Rev. Frank Wetzel, President of
the College of Northern Illinois, when a
few remarks were made by Dr. Thomas G.
Apple, President of Franklin and Marshall
College. Mr. Wetzel referred very per-
tinent to the importance of supporting
our institutions, if we are to be supplied
with men for our mission-fields, and this
very naturally called out the remarks of
Dr. Apple in regard to the work of Frank-
lin and Marshall in the missionary opera-
tions of the Church, to which the writer
wishes here to make reference.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, the active and effi-
cient Superintendent of Missions in Kansas,
is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall, so
is Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, the efficient
missionary pastor in Reading, whose
church is now self-sustaining and rapidly
increasing. So also, Rev. R. Leighton
Gerhart is a student from the same, and
Rev. J. W. Love, missionary in Wichita.
We might name others like them in the
West. Then, too, it was stated by Dr.
Apple, the three missionaries in Japan
(Gring, Moore, and Hoy), are all graduates
of Franklin and Marshall. To this it may
properly be added that the other institu-
tions of the Reformed Church are largely
indebted to Marshall College for their
professors and presidents. Drs. Good,
Williard, and Rust, of Tiffin; Drs. Bom-
berger and Super, and Professor Ruby,
of Ursinus, are all graduates of Marshall;
as is, also, Dr. Aughinbaugh, of Mercers-
burg; Rev. William Schaeffer, President
of Palatinate; President Dr. N. C. C.
Schaeffer, of Kutztown State Normal
School; Rev. Deatrick, Principal of
Rimersburg School; are all graduates
of Franklin and Marshall; and no doubt
others that could be named.

It appears from this that Franklin and
Marshall has done a pretty large share
of the work in educating men for our
mission-fields at home and abroad, as well
as men for institutions of learning. This is

not presented in any spirit of boasting,
for we know that the other colleges of the
Church are doing a good work also; but
we were glad to hear this record of our
oldest college in the Church, whose cen-
tennial and semi-centennial is being cele-
brated at this time. Franklin and Mar-
shall has sent forth many graduates who
are eminent and influential in other walks
of life; but this record of her work for
the cause of missions alone certainly en-
titles her to the regard and support of the
Church.

This General Synod, from which we are
writing, contains in its membership a large
number of Franklin and Marshall men.
We have not the roll of members just now
before us, but of the English members a
large proportion are graduates of that col-
lege, as are the three presidents of colleges
on the floor of Synod: Drs. Apple, Bom-
berger and Williard, all of Marshall Col-
lege.

As an alumnus of Franklin and Mar-
shall we are gratified with this record.
We will only add yet, that the men on
the floor of this Synod from our different
colleges give evidence of their good liter-
ary training. The speeches and discus-
sions evince ability in the men who take
part in the work of Synod. A very favor-
able impression has been made in this
community by the proceedings thus far.
The spirit of the Synod is excellent. It
is a dignified body and marked by very
decided ability. We trust this spirit may
prevail to the close of its sessions. Some
important questions are to come up for
discussion, but if the same spirit of har-
mony prevails that has thus far marked
the proceedings, the Synod will win for
itself a fair fame as an ecclesiastical body.

ALUMNUS.

Akron, Ohio, June 5, 1887.

For The Messenger.
Sketches of Berlin, &c.

BY GEORGE MERLE ZICHRIAS.

A visit to Tegel, the home of the Hum-
boldts—The Unique Park containing the
Humboldt burial place.—The pines and
the grand oak tree.—The funeral of the
last surviving member of William Von
Humboldt's family.

Last Wednesday was a bleak semi-dis-
mal April day; yet there was a certain fas-
cination about its grey sky and occasional
puffs of dusty wind, which made it charac-
teristic: it was one of those uncertain
spring days, when nature seems undecided
whether it shall continue to lay in the cold
embrace of winter, or resign itself to the
influences of the vernal sun and spring
rains. But a peculiar interest will always
cluster around this April day from its
memory of a visit to the burial place of
the two great Humboldt brothers.

Near the northern suburbs of Berlin
is a little village with an unpretentious
little villa castle which is interesting solely
from its associations with the Humboldt
family. The surroundings of Tegel, for
such is the name of the village and castle
together, have only a touch of the picturesque.
The level plain on which northern Berlin
is situated here yields to few sandy ele-
vations. These are doubly attractive from
their rarity and group themselves around
a little lake, near the shores of which
the Castle and the Park in which the
brothers were wont to stroll. Indeed this
little sandy ridge, with the exception of
Kreuzburg, is the only geological eccen-
tricity of which Berlin can boast: it
seems very natural therefore that Alexan-
der von Humboldt should have spied it
out, and that he and his brother William
should have made it their eyrie while
living, and that nature should offer the
only geological unicorn which the section
owns for their last resting place. The
family name still perpetuates through the
descendants of the son of William von
Humboldt.

On the slope of one of these sandy ele-
vations is a grouping of pines whose sway-
ing trunks, rustling branches and moaning
needles are unusually restless on this April
day. It is true these pines sometimes
chant a solemn dirge, but to-day they only
bend and bow, for they are listening to

the swelling music of the kapelle (band)
which winds so wavelike along the sandy
slope. Nearer and nearer and nearer it
approaches, and, at last it bids the pines
to join in the sad responses which it
is making, to the funeral liturgy. It is a
long time since the slope has heard such
solemn chanting, and the pines, being
absorbed in contemplation of the great
Humboldts, had just finished their wintry
review of William and Alexander's life.
They have been watching so quietly that
their boughs and needles recall the idea of
"The harp that once through Tara's
Halls;" for, like the Brothers, whose
graves they guard, they have grown older
and play their piny melodies less surging-
ly; their needly fingers have grown stiffer
and their musical memory is failing. But
to-day their trunks are awry with solemn
expectation, their branches are heaving
and their piny needles are nervous with
excitement. Yesterday they noticed that
a grave was being dug in the Humboldt
resting place, and as each shovel full of
sand was thrown on the heap, they asked
the grave-digger, "Who had gone home?"
He answered, "Her Excellency, the Baron-
ess von Buelow, born a von Humboldt." And
the pines shook their heads and said,
"Gone home! She was aged and weary
and wished to see her father and uncle;
and so she has joined them. Grave digger
do your work reverently or our branches
will wail you into melancholy, and our
needles will prick your hands so that
you will not be able to handle your shovel.
We love the von Humboldts; and through
winter's cold and summer's heat, we have
been the sentinels which have guarded
their resting place. Dig the grave rever-
ently and we will sweep over our harp-
strings when you have finished your earth-
ly work. Remember you are a fossor,
and that you can claim a succession as
well as the Bishops and Deacons." And
the fossor said, "Piny brethren, ye are
right; I will dig reverently whilst ye
moan plaintively; and thus, ye, as nature's
sentinels, and I, as death's subaltern, will
continue to serve as faithful vassals of the
von Humboldt family."

The fossor worked on in silence, and
the pines only broke the severe quietude
by an occasional sway of their branches.
At last when the shadows of the evening
came the grave-digger having finished his
work, wended his way homeward.

This is the picture ideal which passes
through my mind as you and I stand near
the Von Humboldt monument to-day; the
picture real shall now follow.

The main funeral services of the last
surviving member of the William Von
Humboldt's family were held yesterday at
the residence of the deceased in Berlin.
Not only the relatives but the Court at-
tended the same. Representatives of the
Empress and crown princess were present;
and Princess Wilhelm personally appeared.
After these services, the cortege, includ-
ing a State coach, proceeded to Tegel:
it is seldom such honor is paid, the fun-
eral of Von Ranke being the last instance.
The casket remained in the little Villa
Castle until the next afternoon. The cor-
tege moved slowly thence, and passing
the large, venerable oak, approached the
burial place. It produced a solemn and
picturesque effect to see the same through
the trees, and to hear the sound of the
kapelle wafted along the slope. The male
members of the family walked behind the
hearse, and these were followed by the
ladies and children, each bearing a wreath.
Baron von Buelow, the son of the deceas-
ed, was master of ceremonies; his brilliant
red coat, turbaned hat, blue pants and high
boots, presented a striking contrast to the
sombre black of the other mourners.
Reaching the grave he directed where
each should stand, and, after the two
officiating clergy had finished the short
funeral service, he dropped three hands
full of earth on the coffin, after which the
relations, even the children, did the same.
The Baron then went to the gate of the
burial place, and as each left the enclosure,
he courteously shook their hands; this is
a part of funeral etiquette among the aris-
tocracy.

Many of the garlands were buried with

the body, but a number were reserved for
the grave.

The names of the two brothers are in-
scribed on the monument, which stands at
the end of the lot. The monument is a
Grecian shaft of white marble, capped by
a figure, suggesting Minerva; it is fine
without being imposing. But the greatest
monument is the increasing tribute which
nature has vouchsafed in the singing of birds
and the companionship of the trees; these
are more in harmony with the great dead
who rest here. The dead are buried but
their memory remains.

Berlin, April 24, 1887.

For the Messenger.

Missionary Notes.

By Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of
Missions.

The Presbyterian Churches of New
York City have given to home missions
and church-building almost \$100,000 a
year, for ten years past.

The income of the General Synod Luth-
eran Church for church-building, has been
remarkably large during the last eight
years. On a special appeal they lately re-
ceived five \$1,000 subscriptions, and \$17,-
000 in all with more to come. This ex-
plains how they, within six months past,
have been able to buy 50 church lots in
growing towns in Kansas and Nebraska.

Thirty-four Years Work.

The Congregational Union was the first
church-building organization (1853) in
this country. Men at first doubted the
plan but soon saw its value, and in ten
years 352 churches were built by its aid.
In the thirty-four years since its organiza-
tion, 1,562 churches have come out of the
funds of this union—more than one-third
the number of churches on the roll of the
denomination.

What the Missionary Society Does.

- 1.) It introduces systematic getting of
the Lord's money by monthly giving.
- 2.) It magnifies and emphasises the work
of missions by monthly services, where be-
fore it seldom had a hearing.
- 3.) It trains the young (who so soon will
be older) to this great, leading work of the
Church.
- 4.) It becomes a leavening power in the
congregation to bring at length, all under
the same spirit of missions. Through
even a child, many a family will hear the
story of a blessed work and be inspired
by it.

Sioux City, Iowa.

The population seven years ago was 7,-
000. Now it is 27,000. If only we had
begun then! But the end is not yet. A
large beef-packing establishment with
\$500,000 capital is about to open business;
the St. Paul Railroad is putting up large
car-shops. Three new railroads are build-
ing through the city.

A Presbyterian pastor there, says:
"There is not a more needy mission field
in Iowa."

Shall a missionary of the Reformed
Church be sent there or shall we lose this
excellent opportunity and let our large
material go into other churches?

But how shall he be sent unless larger
means be given the Board? And even
then, unless the East will spare a "good"
man?

Leesport, Pa.

Here I spent Sunday, May 22d, having
three services, with pastor S. A. Leinbach
present in the evening. He announced a
meeting of the young people whom he has
confirmed to be held after his next service,
for the organization of a missionary soci-
ety. Leesport will not be behind. They
can do what other people can do, and they
will.

A full share in the First Special Church-
building Fund was taken by Elder S. H.
Lenhart of this congregation, and will be
reported elsewhere.

East Pennsylvania has wealth and also
church-love; and many of our people are
giving much more than years ago.

For The Messenger. Virginia Classis.

Virginia Classis met in regular annual sessions in the Reformed Church, Mt. Crawford, Va., on Wednesday evening, May 4, 1887. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. B. F. Bausmann. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. A. K. Kline, *President*; Rev. Hy. St. J. Rinker, *Vice-President*; Rev. C. Gumbert, *Corresponding Secretary*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*; and Rev. B. R. Carnahan is *Stated Clerk*. The next day was wholly taken up in reading the parochial reports and the answering of the questions. In these reports there was nothing new or striking; but all gave evidence of earnest toil in the Master's vineyard and the gathering in of some of the fruits of the labor bestowed.

From the sessions we glean the following, which may interest some of the readers of our church papers:

The Licentiate, James W. Meyer, was dismissed to connect himself with Maryland Classis.

From good, reliable sources information was received by Classis that there is quite a number of Reformed families locating in and about Manassas, Va., and in other sections of what is known to us as "East Virginia." This information was referred to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and said Board is urged to look after their spiritual wants.*

The name of Mr. Ernest E. Weaver, of Martinsburg charge, W. Va., a young man who desires to study for the ministry, was presented by his pastor. As he was not present, he was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. W. Rauch and Elder Jno. Fitz, and, if found worthy, this committee is clothed with plenary power in the premises to recommend him to the Board for an appropriation.

The reports of the two young men now under the care of Classis, Messrs. J. Philip Harner and George S. Gill, were very good. Their appropriations were continued.

Favorable action was taken with reference to the "Society for Disabled Ministers," etc., and the sum of \$20 was referred to the Committee on Finance to be assessed, which added to the amount now in the treasury will allow to the enrollment of another name from this Classis.

Rev. B. R. Carnahan, who was appointed a committee by the Synod to secure \$320, the amount assessed upon this Classis for Wichita University, reported that on or before the 1st of April he had secured the whole amount, and paid the same over to the treasurer of Classis.

A few years ago a church was erected at Mint Spring, Va., with the hope of being able to organize a congregation there; but changes of such a character have taken place that now every hope seems to be blighted. In view of these changes, Classis directed the pastor of Middlebrook charge to cease his labors at Mint Spring Church at once, and instructed the trustees to offer at public or private sale the property on a certain fixed day, within three months; and should they not be able to effect a sale, then are they instructed to rent it to one or more Christian denominations in the vicinity at a reasonable rental, and with the revenues thus derived to secure a policy against fire on the building.

Rev. C. Gumbert, pastor of Middlebrook charge, after making some statements with reference to the financial condition of the charge, requested Classis to grant to the charge an appropriation of \$100 Classis realizing the necessity, yet knowing its inability to comply with the request, adopted the following:

Resolved, That the request from the Middlebrook charge for an appropriation of \$100 for one year, is hereby referred to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions with the request that the Board consider the request favorably.

For Harrisville charge, rendered vacant by the withdrawal of Rev. E. Welty, M.D., a committee on supply was appointed, consisting of Revs. A. K. Kline, H. Tallhelm and Dr. Geo. H. Martin.

For Smithfield congregation the following committee on supply was appointed, viz.: Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, B. F. Bausmann and J. W. Rauch.

The following delegates to Synods were chosen:

General Synod.

Revs. S. N. Callender, D. D., B. R. Carnahan, Elders John Fitz, W. H. Barget, *Primarii*.

Revs. A. K. Kline, J. A. Hoffheins, Elders D. S. Rentch, W. A. Pence, *Secundi*.

Synod of Potomac.

Revs. E. Welty, M. D., Henry St. J. Rinker, S. N. Callender, D. D., J. A. Hoffheins, B. R. Carnahan, Geo. H. Martin, D. D., Elders J. H. Bauserman, W. A. Pence, H. W. Roller, Jno. Fitz, T. Monroe Snapp, D. S. Rench, *Primarii*.

Revs. S. L. Whitmore, A. K. Kline, G. A. Whitmore, B. F. Bausmann, J. S. Loose, J. W. Rauch, Elders L. Rinker, W. S. Slusser, W. H. Barget, T. J. Cost, J. M. Stoner, Jno. Silors, *Secundi*.

The question of reconstruction—creating three charges out of what constituted Rockingham and Mt. Crawford charges—was one in which the people were deeply interested, and claimed the earnest consid-

eration of the Classis for the space of nearly two days. Much was done and then undone. Finally St. Michael's congregation, of the Mt. Crawford charge, was detached and a Committee on Supply appointed, consisting of Revs. Geo. A. Whitmore, C. Gumbert, and H. Tallhelm, and a Committee on Reconstruction, consisting of Revs. Geo. A. Whitmore, C. Gumbert, and J. A. Hoffheins.

On Monday the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the growing interest in the subject of Temperance reform in State and nation, we, the Classis of Virginia, unite heartily in commending this great cause to the favorable attention of all our people. And that we earnestly hope and pray that God will hasten the day when the enormous power of the saloon, and the influence in crime and misery following therefrom may be wholly abated.

On Monday night, after tendering a vote of thanks to the members of Mt. Crawford congregation for their hospitality, Classis adjourned to meet in regular annual sessions in Reformed church, Shepherdstown, W. Va., on Wednesday, preceding the full moon in May, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

From the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion we learn: That the general experience in the Christian life and work were essentially the same as in the preceding year. Results show clearly that our ministry and people moved forward with a commendable effort and zeal, and with a cheering degree of success. The pastors have endeavored faithfully to preach the Word, to administer the sacraments, and the membership have attended upon the means of grace, and there has been a growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sunday-school work has been carried forward with commendable zeal and good results.

That the spirit of benevolence is developing among our people is seen in the increase over last year's contributions. Our mission work, as a whole, is in a hopeful condition.

During the year two new churches were consecrated to the service of the Triune God, two congregations organized, church property improved, old debts canceled, and several new church buildings are in contemplation. We can truly say, God has richly blessed us.

During the year one of our brethren in the ministry was called to cease from his labors and come up higher. On the 6th of June, 1886, Rev. Andrew J. Bowers closed his earthly ministry and entered into rest. We humbly bow to the will of God. Our dear brother has but passed on a short time in advance of us who remain. Blessed be God for the communion of saints. May we steadfastly follow in their faith that at death we too may enter into their joy.

Statistics:—Ministers, 16; Congregations, 31; Members, 2305; Members Unconfirmed, 1194; Baptisms, Infants, 103; Adults, 54; Confirmed, 132; By Certificate, 61; Communed, 1934; Dismissed, 44; Erasure of Names, 39; Deaths, 31; Sunday-schools, 20; Sunday school Scholars, 1264; Students for the Ministry, 2; Contributions—Benevolent purposes, \$2669; Congregational, \$9447. STATED CLERK.

For the Messenger. Zion's Classis.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of Zion's Classis, Reformed Church in the United States, Synod of the Potomac, was held at Kreuz Creek church, York county, beginning on Friday, May 13th, 1887, at 7:30 P. M.

At the request of the retiring President, the Rev. R. Rahauer, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. Spangler, from 1st Cor. 3: 10-15, in the theme, "The Evangelical Minister a Master Builder."

After the sermon Classis was called to order by the President, and opened with religious services, and at once proceeded to organize.

Rev. A. F. Dreisbach was chosen President, and Elder C. A. Shultz was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation. F. J. Sauerber is Stated Clerk.

All the ministers were present except Daniel Riegel, Jacob Ziegler, J. O. Miller, D. D., Rinehart Smith and Ambrose D. Gring.

On Saturday morning the President announced the usual standing committees, the following brethren being chairmen:

General Synod, (next year)—Rev. R. Rahauer.

Minutes of Potomac Synod, (next year)—J. O. Miller, D. D.

Minutes of Classis, (next year)—F. J. Sauerber.

Overtures and Correspondence—P. W. Snyder.

Examination, Licensure and ordination—A. Spangler.

State of Religion and Statistics—P. W. Snyder.

Finance—I. S. Weisz, D. D.

Religious Services—A. Wanner, D. D.

From the Parochial and Statistical reports, it would seem that all the charges are in a healthy and prosperous condition. Some have had an unusually prosperous year, and all seem to be earnestly working for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

The footings up, however, of the numerical strength of some of the charges and of Classis will not show this, because of the fact that the pruning knife has, in some cases, been most vigorously applied.

The usual routine business was all pleasantly attended to.

The religious and devotional meetings were well attended and pervaded by a deep and loving spirit.

On Saturday evening, Rev. F. J. Sauerber, of Heidelberg Reformed church, of York, preached. The communion sermon was preached in the German language by Rev. I. S. Weisz, D. D., of the Paradise charge, and an English address was made by Rev. A. Dreisbach, of Shrewsbury. Rev. A. Spangler preached the preparatory sermon on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon, a most interesting "Children's Meeting" was held. Rev. Dr. Weisz presided, and addresses were made by Revs. P. W. Snyder, F. J. Sauerber and R. Rahauer, and Elders Samuel Shumaker and M. W. Bahn.

On Sunday evening, there was a large and enthusiastic missionary meeting, at which Rev. A. F. Dreisbach presided, and Revs. F. J. Sauerber, A. Spangler, R. Rahauer, P. W. Snyder, A. Wanner, D. D., and Elder Samuel Shumaker delivered addresses.

The Classis adjourned on Monday afternoon to meet in St. Paul's (Wolf's) church, Paradise charge, on the Friday following Pentecost at 7:30 P. M., A. D. 1888. The following brethren were elected delegates to the Potomac Synod:

Revs. A. Wanner, D. D., A. Spangler, I. S. Weisz, D. D., A. F. Dreisbach, Elders C. A. Shultz, D. Hildebrand, S. Shumaker, M. W. Bahn, *Primarii*.

Revs. J. O. Miller, D. D., P. W. Snyder, F. J. Sauerber, R. Rahauer, Elders P. Kuntz, J. Sauerber, J. Deisinger, William Sotdorus, *Secundi*.

The delegates all speak in the most kindly terms of the hospitality of the citizens of Hellam township. The entertainment given them was most excellent. Everything was done to make their stay pleasant and agreeable. The members of Classis will not soon forget the meeting at Kreuz Creek church.

A vote of thanks to the pastor and members was enthusiastically passed.

For the Messenger.

Tohickon Classis.

Tohickon Classis met in annual session in Jerusalem church, Ridge Road, Bucks county, Pa., on the evening of May 20th, 1887. Rev. J. G. Dengler, the retiring president, preached the classical sermon, based on Mark 16: 14-16. Rev. S. K. Gross, pastor loci, was elected president by acclamation. Rev. N. Z. Snyder, remains stated clerk and Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., of Telford, Pa., was re-elected treasurer.

The routine business of Classis was attended to in proper order. No one was received and no one was dismissed. A call from the Synod charge to licentiate Henry A. Bonberger was confirmed and Revs. J. G. Dengler, A. F. Ziegler and J. J. Rothrock appointed to attend to the ordination and installation of the young brother.

Classis took heed of the recommendations of Synod and urged upon its pastors and people to labor in the interest of Home and Foreign missions, the orphan cause and our literary and theological institution, and in regard to the formation of Women's Missionary societies the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Classis that woman's part in the work of Missions can be more successfully carried forward in our congregational missionary societies as they now exist than could be the case in the organization of women's missionary societies.

The religious services were well attended and the members of Classis in the hospitable entertainment they received at the hands of the good people of Jerusalem church had a foretaste of the more perfect enjoyment in that Jerusalem which is above.

The following delegates were elected to the District Synod: Revs. A. F. Zeigler, B. B. Ferer and J. G. Dengler, *Primarii*, and Revs. M. H. Hill, J. J. Rothrock and S. K. Gross, *Secundi*. Elders, M. D. Althouse, H. C. Cressman and Wm. B. Fluck, *Primarii*, and H. C. Hartzell, J. W. Larosh and Wm. Schlichter, *Secundi*.

Classis will meet in annual session in St. John's Reformed church, Lansdale, Montgomery county, Pa., on Friday, after Ascension day, May 11th, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Statistics: Ministers, 16; charges, 17; congregations, 36; members, 6735; unconfirmed, 3909; infant baptisms, 352; adult baptisms, 42; confirmed, 329; received otherwise, 136; communion, 5759; dismissed, 83; erased, 145; deaths, 180; Sunday-schools, 52; S. S. scholars, 3606; students for the ministry, 6; benevolent contributions, \$3 676; congregational purposes, \$25 668; English minutes, 171; German minutes, 55. STATED CLERK.

State of the Church.

Every man in the holy office in our body is in full and regular service and from a free love of obedience labors in harmony with the spirit and requirements of our Church.

Pleasant indeed is this spirit of harmony in our common work. The results are in a healthy and prosperous condition. All of these labors are variously reported. All labored against the usual hindrances, but only a few had to meet special forms of opposition and disorders.

A general advance has been made and a number have reported some very important progressive work. The cry of the wants of the Church in general is evidently more strongly heeded. More spec-

ial work has been done for Missions, and the necessity for doing more is felt and confessed. Pastors and people are seeing more clearly that their only true standing in the Church is conditioned by the relative share they cheerfully take in the general work of the Church. The shackles of a narrow Church life are being cast away and a truer and freer life is enjoyed by many.

Especially is the necessity of asserting the true distinctive spirit of our Church felt, not for the sake of contracting our love to others, but that we may be the more true to ourselves and render our love and fellowship to others more personal and sincere.

There is a strong but suppressed feeling of dissatisfaction with the vague and unpopular character of some of our Church periodicals which we sincerely desire to support.

The outward and inward unavoidable difficulties were met with a ripe wisdom and prudence which has contributed very perceptibly to the general quiet.

J. G. DENGLER, Chairman.

For the Messenger.

Iowa Classis.

Iowa Classis met in special session in the Reformed church at Tipton, Iowa, May 4th, 1887. The first item of business was the reception of Rev. G. Dickie Gurley, from the Northern Illinois Classis. A call from the Tipton charge to Bro. Gurley, was confirmed. The charge was formed at the annual meeting of Iowa Classis last fall, by the division of the old Tipton charge. Bro. Gurley enters upon the duties in his new field with very good prospects. The church has been repaired—the Sunday-school increased in numbers—and new life given to the congregation generally. We feel sure that Bro. Gurley, with the aid of his good people, will make a grand success in this new charge.

Rev. H. Bair was at the same time dismissed to Northern Illinois Classis. We are sorry to lose Bro. Bair in Iowa, but the Forrester charge needed a good pastor very much.

Rev. W. E. Shaley was to be received and ordained at the same meeting, but for some reason he failed to get his dismissal in time from the Tiffin Classis. He has taken charge of the Brandon field and will do a good work.

Aside from the new fields that should be formed in Iowa, we have three missions now vacant in Iowa Classis. These are all under the tri Synodic Board, and ought to be supplied with pastors. They are as follows: The Bremen Mission, Grundy county, the Leighton Mission, in Mahaska county, and the Pleasant Valley Mission, in Fremont county. These are all promising fields, where self-sacrificing pastors could do a blessed work for the Master. Are there not some young men in the Church who are willing to come West and take charge of these fields? They will never regret it if they come. D. S. F.

Family Reading.

"Priests Unto God."

There is a silent ministry

That knows no rite of book or bell;

That eyes divine alone can see,

And heaven's own language only tell.

It has no altars and no fane,

No waiting crowd, no tuneful choir;

It serves from beds of speechless pain,

From lips that anguish brands with fire.

From homes of want, and loss, and woe,

Its worship rises up to Him

Who hears those accents faint and low,

Through the loud praise of cherubim.

The dauntless heart, the patient soul,

That faces life's severest stress

With smiling front and stern control,

Intent its suffering kin to bless;

The meek, who gather every hour

From brier and thorn and wayside tree,

Their largesse scant of fruit and flower,

The harvest of humility;

The tempered will that bows to God,

And knows Him good though tempests

lower,

That owns the judgments of His rod

Are but the hidings of His power;

That sings the sun behind the cloud,

Intent to labor, pray, and wait,

Whatever winds blow low or loud,

Sure of the harbor, soon or late:

Like the small blossoms by the way,

Enduring cold, enjoying sun,

In rain, or snow, or sprinkling spray,

Cheerful till all their life is done.

Dear, homely ministers of love,

Used and forgot, like light and air,

Ah, when we reach that life above

They will be stately seraphs there!

—The Congregationalist.

"Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work."

BY M. L. STONE

It was eight o'clock in the morning and Mrs. Freeman's hands were in the bread. When in the doughiest, stickiest stage, there was a rap at the door.

"May, you try to open the door," she said to her little daughter at her side, who

was barely three years old. "Mamma cannot, you see."

May tried with all her might, holding her fat, chubby hand over the door-knob, and when mamma said, "Now turn it," she did, and open came the door.

"Want to buy any matches, soap, thread, needles?"

"No, no!" exclaimed Mrs. Freeman, and she almost let a frown gather on her face, but chased it away with a smile, as she thought of the hopeful heart that beat under the ragged jacket of a boy about eight who stood in the door. "I do not need any, and if I did, could not buy them now, you see."

"I could wait, ma'am, if you wish," said the little fellow, lingering.

"No, thank you," and just then baby gave a hoarse cough. The cold air was blowing in on baby and on her sponge to. It was a relief when the door was closed with her brows clear. The morning had been full of irritations already. About five minutes later baby, who was just beginning to toddle alone, reached up to a bench and pulled down a pair of water. Happily the most of it went on the floor, but he did not escape a wet apron and shoes. By being very patient in giving May directions, she managed to unbutton the apron and take off the shoes, while mamma hastened to finish the half hour allotted to the kneading of the bread.

But again there was a rap, and brave little May once more grasped the knob with decision and let in a boy with the market basket. "Mr. Freeman said he had no change and that you would please to give me a nickel for carrying this home." So May got the purse, mamma telling her when she had the right piece. She took quite a look at it before handing it over, saying, "I'll know nickels after this."

"Done for this time," said Mrs. Freeman as she placed the bread-pan where it would be warm and gave almost a sigh. She then surveyed the results of baby's accident, and thought how soon something like it would happen again, if he could accomplish it.

After this were beds to be made, sweeping and dusting to be done, many things to be picked up, besides a basket of mending to be done, and two little folks to help one moment with their sweet winsomeness, and hinder the next with their stirring mischief.

"I must see what there is in store for dinner," she thought, and then decided on roast beef, baked potatoes, squash, celery, cheese, fresh biscuit, coffee, fruit, and some pudding left from yesterday. An appetizing dinner at one, and mending for an hour if the children are good.

She did not carry out this programme though, for baby got his hands in the coal-box and had to be washed and redressed; and then he pushed over Mamma's new box of Christmas dishes, which was a sad sight, but things were finally cleared up—baking done, and dinner cooked to a nicety and ready to be served at one. Every step down the walk was noted for some time, but none of them as John's. Baby not thinking of any more mischief for the present went sleep, and Mrs. Freeman and May ate their dinner alone, then did up the work and sat down to the mending.

Ten minutes of sewing on buttons, when the front gate swung open and John entered, talking as fast as possible to a gentleman accompanying him, whom he introduced as "Mr. Seymour, a business friend."

"Could not possibly get away at one, Mary, and as Mr. Seymour has just arrived in town, I brought him home to luncheon with me. You can get us some, can't you?"

"Certainly," she answered.

"We must be back in an hour," said John.

Very swiftly Mrs. Freeman placed cold roast beef, biscuit, butter pickles, cheese, as celery, with hot coffee and eggs cooked she knew John liked them. The hasty lunch was temptingly prepared; they ate heartily and as they were about to leave a message was handed John which he read and gave to her, saying at the same time, "I must take the first train for the works and may not be home until midnight, or possibly not until this time to-morrow. Better change my suit and linen. Well, in haste, then."

Mr. Seymour bowed his good-day, and the husband told his wife that the business was urgent, calling him away. For there was liability of loss if the management was not well conducted. While he was telling her this, she was bringing his linen just fresh from the touch of her deft fingers; "the only things I mended to-day," she thought.

"Well, good-by to you and the babies."

That was a nice luncheon, Mary, and with a kiss he was off. She stood by the door until he was out of sight, then listened for the sounds of his steps until they were lost, and turned to the duties of the hour. So many broken threads must make irregular weaving, but they may be woven into a life to please God, she thought.

Baby's fall came next. He awakened himself, and hearing May thought he would get out alone, and thump was the consequence, which hurt his feelings, but he soon forgot it and began business by pulling the spreads on the tables until books and bric-a-brac would fall; then, when shut in the pantry with mamma, invaded a basket of fresh eggs in a manner that almost made a catastrophe. Later Mrs. Freeman sat down by the fire with a child on each knee and sang:

"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee"

* Any one knowing of families or individuals locating in any part of Virginia, who are members of the Reformed Church, will confer a favor by sending the address of said parties to the Stated-Clerk, Rev. B. R. CARNAHAN, Meyerhoeffer's store, Va.

Finally the little heads dropped asleep, and they were put to bed for the night. She now felt free for a moment; "but there is my sewing and mending! I do try so hard and do so little, that I am discouraged," she said to herself, and dropped down in a little heap on a big chair. There was not much of this woman in size, and you might have thought her a tired child to have seen her there. She reached for a paper. "I'll read something, and think of something different." These are the words that met her eyes:

"If you can live gently, patiently, unmurmuringly, amid all your frets and irritations, day after day: that is heroism. You must win your way through struggles to all noble attainments. It is he that overcometh that is made a pillar in God's temple."

She sat erect after reading this and thought: "Really can these home duties be thus glorified? Yes, if am patient;" and for a few moments her soul was full of joy, and a ray of brightness enveloped her. "I am doing God's will, His chosen work for me, and if I am patient I will overcome;" and then the soul was before the Saviour, pleading for strength, and joyful in the thought of truly serving God in duties ever so homely. If well done, what higher work could mothers do? "Help me, O my Saviour, not to fret or murmur;" and again she thought of her sewing and mending: the basket was in sight. "We are not really needing anything but the mending. I must not expect the work to be done so rapidly. God did not make the world in a day;" and then another prayer went swiftly up to the throne: "Make me content in doing what I can accomplish; make me patient in doing it. Keep me from murmuring over any of my disappointments;" and then she had a glad thanksgiving over her home and family. An hour must have been spent in communion with her Saviour, and in blessings asked for the little household, until angels must have hovered over it; for surely Jesus is very near the mothers and their little ones.

As the hour passed by at which her husband usually came, she began to feel the quietness about her, when a bright face appeared at the door. "O you dear, precious Aunt!" she exclaimed. "How happened you to come when I wanted you so much?"

"Can you not guess?"

"No."

"John telephoned me that he could not come home until to-morrow, and for me to come and stay with you; and now you are just to sit and talk to me, while I finish up your basket of work. You look happy to-night, Mary."

"Yes, I've been sitting here, counting my mercies," and here your coming was being prepared for me, that I knew not of. *How happy to see you!*

"Thank you. I have not told you all. Am going to stay a week and devote myself entirely to your service."—*Presbyterian Banner.*

Mother's Turn.

"It is mother's turn to be taken care of now."

The speaker was a winsome young girl, whose bright eyes, fresh color, and eager looks told of light-hearted happiness. Just out of school; she had the air of culture, which is an added attraction to a blithe young face. It was mother's turn now. Did she know how my heart went out to her, for her unselfish words?

Too many mothers, in their love of their daughters, entirely overlook the idea that they themselves need recreation. They do without all the easy, pretty and charming things, and say nothing about it; and the daughters do not think there is any self-denial involved. Jenny gets the new dress and mother wears the old one, turned upside down and wrong side out. Lucy goes on the mountain trip, and mother stays at home and keeps house. Emily is tired of study and must lie down in the afternoon; but mother, though her back aches, has no time for such an indulgence.

Dear girls, take good care of your mothers. Coax them to let you relieve them of some of the harder duties, which for years they have patiently borne.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

A Summer Bed-Room.

An inexpensive and prettily furnished summer bed-room has the floor covered with cream white and green matting, which has a pattern of large white and green blocks alternating. This matting can be bought for sixty cents a yard—is a yard in width, and is of the seamless variety. A dado of the same matting put on with brass nails, surrounds the walls, which are tinted a pale green. The iron bedstead is painted white, and covered with a spread of scrim muslin, lined with pale green cambric. The pillow shams are the same. There are bed draperies of scrim, unlined, and drawn back by green satin ribbons in two shades. Scrim curtains are at the windows, and are looped back and tied with green satin ribbons. The window shades are cream white linen, fringed. Long, narrow wooden boxes, painted green, stand upon the outer ledges, ready for the flowers and vines to be planted therein. One or two cream white, Japanese goat rugs, in size 6x2, are upon the matted floor. These rugs are very inexpensive and have a charming effect. The furniture is of pine, painted a light green, and on the tables are scarf-like covers of scrim, lined with pale green.

A pretty little cane sofa has a cushion covered with green flowered chintz, and the rocking chair has similar cushions, tied by green satin ribbons. The heavy doors have been taken off, and in their place are "blind" doors, painted green. The commonplace white marble mantel has been painted a green color to match the doors, rather darker than the rest of the room, and is draped with the scrim, lined with green, and caught up in the center with green ribbons, making two graceful festoons. Some simple ornaments stand upon the mantel, over which hangs a pretty water color, framed in white and gold. In front of the fireplace stands a small screen of bamboo lattice work, lined with green.

This room is charming from its simplicity, freshness and good taste.—*The Art Age.*

A Plain Dinner.

Those who have the smallest provision in the way of variety in food and utensils call for our immediate attention, and to them our first consideration must be given. Begin with the supposition that one room serves as kitchen and dining room, and that the heartiest meal consists of one hot dish, with potatoes or one other vegetable, and bread and some simple beverage. We will suppose that there are on hand flour, baking-powder, salt and pepper, vinegar, a little butter or sweet drippings—and much care must be given to augmenting the reserve of the latter—a small supply of meat, with a good provision of potatoes and bread. A hot meal is to be cooked without too large a fire, and without making the room uncomfortable for eating. The most savory, nutritious, and abundant meal which can be made from these materials is composed of a stew with dumplings, boiled or baked potatoes, and hot biscuit. By combining the meat with dumplings in the form of a stew, two advantages are secured. A smaller quantity of meat so cooked will satisfy the appetite as well as double the quantity cooked by baking, broiling, frying or boiling without a sauce or gravy, and it will be in the condition best suited for immediately satisfying the sense of hunger and assisting the process of digestion. The savory sauce or gravy imparts to the dumplings the flavor and some of the nutritious properties of the meat. The potatoes might be cooked in the stew, if there were no facilities for boiling or baking them; but, then our objects of providing variety would be thwarted. For this end the biscuits are suggested. The cost is but a trifle, and they replace the bread which would be eaten in their absence. With the addition of a little cheese, fresh fruit in season, any inexpensive canned fruit or preserve, or, better yet, apple-sauce made from evaporated apples, the meal would be complete.—*Good Housekeeping.*

Youth's Department.

Dandelion Gold.

Little May beauty, what power you possess,
In your fresh scalloped trimmings and gay
yellow dress!
Dim eyes behold you brightening the plain,
And find in your sunshine their childhood again.

Up the dear home-paths you creep as of
yore;
And dot the green nooks by the low cottage
door—
Nature's pure gifts for young and for old;
The poorest is welcome to dandelion gold.

Well I remember an emerald cup
Set in the meadow with jewels filled up.
None than it finer in yellow and green:
With bracelet and necklace, and crown like
a queen.

My sweet little sister had riches untold.
Her pretty white apron was buttoned with
gold,
A watch in her girdle kept fairy hours,
Her bonnet was brodered with dandelion
flowers.

The cup in the meadow is jeweled to-day
With dandelion blossoms, and children at
play
Weave necklace and chain. Have we who
are old
Found anything better than dandelion gold?
—Mrs. M. F. Butts.

Why a Boy Quit "Running Round O' Nights."

"What a hideous green you are putting in that tidy," said Belle to her "very best friend," as they sat talking over their fancy work.

"I know it," answered Kate, good-humoredly. "You see I bought it one night, and began to work on it by lamplight, and thought it looked pretty well. But some colors are so changeable; it looks frightful by daylight. I only know one thing I can do with it—I'll give it to Ben."

"Why—will he like it?"

"Oh, I don't know; I guess. It'll help make him out for Christmas, and do well enough for his room. We stuff everything in there;" and Belle gave a little short laugh, then flushed suddenly, as she caught

Belle's blue eye fixed wonderingly upon her.

"Why," said the girl, and her fingers stopped in their busy motion, "I'd just as soon think of putting anything ugly into the parlor as into brother Frank's room; he is so choice of it."

"Oh, well, boys are different," stammered Kate in confusion. And Belle, feeling that she was treading on forbidden ground, adroitly turned the conversation. Yes, she knew that Ben was different from her brother, and oh, how thankful she felt for that difference—thankful that Frank was strong and manly, kept above temptation—sorry for the great contrast in her friend.

"You must all do something to try to keep Ben at home these evenings," said his father, one day. "I don't like the way he is spending his time."

And Kate, as she heard the words, wondered what she could do.

That afternoon there was a great overhauling of furniture upstairs, and by supper time quite a transformation had taken place in Ben's room. There were pretty, bright chromos, and one or two choice engravings on the walls, hitherto bare; dainty white mats on the bureau, fresh muslin curtains draped back from the window, and everything as inviting as thoughtful hands could make it. "Now," said she, "I wonder if he'll notice it."

"Have you a headache, Ben?" she asked, as she passed his open door that evening, and saw him sitting with his head bowed upon his hands.

"Oh, no," he answered; "only thinking of going down town, but it looks so pleasant and home-like up here, so I guess I'll stay."

And he did stay; it wasn't the last time either. Bye and bye he began to invite some of "the fellows" to come and see him at the house, and with great satisfaction would ask them to "step up" to his room. Was it strange that from these little gatherings more than one went away feeling that it was a grand, good thing to have a home, and be worthy of it!

"Do you know," said Kate to her friend one day, "your plan has worked like a charm."

Try it, girls!—*Philadelpia Call.*

Crowns.

The head of one of the principal select schools for girls, in New York, lately said, "Twenty years ago we graduated a class more worthy of note than usual. At the head of it stood Jane C—, who was regarded by her schoolmates as a worthy successor to Maria Edgeworth or Charlotte Brontë. Genius we were sure she had, but we were a little doubtful as to its kind or quality."

"At the foot of the class was Anna S—, one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen, and one of the most proud and ambitious of her beauty. But I observed that at parting they all clung about a homely girl, who had not been brilliant, but whose honest, right intentions in all things had won universal confidence."

"Why is Helen such a favorite?" I asked one of her classmates.

"She is the most true-hearted, lovable girl living!" was the enthusiastic reply.

"She is sensible, faithful, and good to everybody!"

"I have never lost sight of these girls, Jane C— never married. She gave all her vitality and effort to the writing of two or three books, which fell dead from the press. Her ambition for literary success may have been right, but she allowed it to misdirect her life. Anna S— reigned as a belle in Baltimore for two seasons, and married a man who soon afterwards became poor. She had a large family, but took little care of them. They grew up neglected. Her whole duty in life was to preserve her beauty—to hold her place as a queen of society. When I saw her last her face was faded and wrinkled and her figure stooped, while her conscious air and languishing coquetry made her ridiculous and contemptible."

"Helen never was before the public, either of the literary or fashionable world. She is a faithful, sympathetic, Christian woman. Her family, her husband and children, clung to her with the fond, dependent affection which her school-friends gave her. No woman in the city where she lives has as wide a social influence, and that influence although quiet, is good. It is an influence as gentle, as softening as benign sunlight. When she enters a room, young women and little children, old men and young lads, gather about her. Her voice is so sweet, her laugh so infectious—in a word, she is so sensible and lovable they say.

There is no way to estimate the good done by such a woman."

American school girls are apt to look upon intellectual power and beauty as the only forces given to a woman with which to influence society. They ignore the moral atmosphere and Christian graces which lie outside of these gifts, and which come from sincere sympathy with every person we meet and an earnest friendliness.

"Your women," said a foreign critic of our social life to an American, "are beautiful, learned and clever, but they are not charming."

On a gravestone in Mount Auburn is the simple inscription, "She was so pleasant!" Mount Auburn is the resting-place of men and women of genius, worth and fame.

One would be afraid to rouse all the scholars and great writers or thinkers who lie dead there under their stately monuments lest they should disappoint our expectations. But who would not like to bring back this lovable soul, smiling and friendly, from the land of shadows?

A truly useful life fulfills the Apostle's matchless portrait of the "fruits of the Spirit," and than such there can be no better influence in the world. Such characters are the crowns of life, and those whom they influence for good are the jewels.

An Italian tomb has this epitaph; "Here lies the body of Estella, who, in acts of benevolence and deeds of love, transported a large fortune to heaven, and has gone thither to enjoy it." To such the end of life is a coronation, for worth makes royal souls.—*Youth's Companion.*

Chinese Names.

Dr. E. Wentworth, for a number of years a Methodist missionary in China, writes an interesting article for the *Troy Daily Times* upon "Chinese Names." Some American writer had intimated that the Chinese had a limited variety of surnames. The doctor shows up very effectually his ignorance of the facts in the case; their surnames are not only abundant but significant. The doctor goes on to say:

"So much for surnames. The Chinese child has a 'nickname' given it soon after birth, anything fancy or pretty or endearing, usually of two syllables.

"The boy has, next, a school name when he comes under the rule of the pedagogue, then a marital name when he takes a wife, a business name when he appears on the street, an official name if he takes office, and, finally a death name for his tombstone and to go into history and the family pedigree.

"Half a dozen boys in a house are often not called by their names at all, but are shouted after at all hours of the day as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 6.

"The 'Ah' so common in laundry bills and police trials, as Ah-Hoke, Ah-Sing, etc., is an endearing diminutive, equivalent to Sam-my, John-ny, Tom-my in our language.

"Of nicknames and slang names, among the vulgar there are, no doubt, as many as among us.

"Let us turn the tables and fancy one of these returned Chinamen writing in the *Peking Gazette*: 'As far as I can judge, the Western barbarians, or their ancestors, had low tastes in the selection of surnames. Instead of our "Imperial," "Eminent," "Splendid," "Superior," they are mainly named after low objects, acts, and callings, such as Barber, Baker, Bacon, Cook, Cob, Coffin, Pain, Rap, Leg, Hand, Rob, Dottle, Crookshank, and a hundred others equally vulgar and ridiculous. One of the famous generals of the late war was evidently descended from some great English murderer of Irish, between whom there is eternal feud. His name was Kill-Patrick. So far as I noticed, the only one of our illustrious surnames perpetuated among their great men is that of Grant. The great founder of the Republic evidently originated in a community of laundry-men. His name was Washing-town.'"

Italian Witchcraft.

From such persons you may hear that, if any one takes the eggs out of a raven's nest, boils them so as to render them incapable of incubation, and replaces them, the parent bird will fly to a brook and fetch thence a white stone of the size and shape of the eggs. This stone, they say, it places carefully among the eggs and then sits on eggs and stone together. The stone restores vitality to the eggs, and, after the brood is fledged and has flown, it is left behind in the nest. It has, however,

suffered a great change. It is now semi-transparent, and in every respect except its weight and hardness, is exactly like an egg. If it be placed near any poisoned food the yolk begins to move violently, and thus warns the fortunate possessor of his danger. The lapwing is even more given to sorcery. It always deposits a stone of the size of a pea in its nest. What use it is to the bird or its family no one seems to know, but if any one finds it and places it under the head of a sleeping person he will answer every question that does not exceed the limit of human knowledge with perfect truth in the language in which it is asked. The marvellous stories told about serpents are innumerable.

There is one about a yard in length, and as thick as the upper part of a strong man's arm, which haunts dry wooden places. It is so venomous, especially in May, that not only will the first person it bites in that month die himself, but any one who stands beside or comes to help him will share the same fate. If he falls beneath a tree, that, too, or, if it be very large, at least one-half of it will be killed. Again, serpents of all kinds are very fond of milk. In the old days, before the railway was built, a coachman, who used to drive on the road between Foggia and Naples once fell asleep outside a little inn while his horses were baiting. His mouth was open, and a snake crept down his throat. After this he felt unwell, though he did not know why, and none of the doctors could tell what was the matter with him. At last he consulted the professors of the University of Naples. They hung him up by his feet and placed a great bowl of milk beneath his head. The snake, attracted by the smell, crept out to drink, but still kept a great part of its body in the mouth and throat of the coachman. A young doctor sprang forward, pulled it out and threw it away, when it was killed. It was about two feet and a half in length. After this the patient was as well as ever.—*Saturday Review.*

Pleasanttries.

An old barber down in Salisbury, N. C., some years since, could not recall Colonel Ingersoll's name, but defined him as "dat man what goes round smashin' hissef 'gust de Bible." Not a bad definition!

"If my dog doan' bite anything," explained a Gratiot avenue saloonist, "efery-pody says he vas no good. If he bites somebody, den eferypody says he must be killed. Seems to me dot dog doan' get some fair show."

By falling from a wagon, a Chinaman in California, whose life was insured for a large amount, was seriously hurt. There was some doubt as to his ever getting better; and at length one of his friends wrote to the insurance company: "Charley half dead; likee half money."

"Is that a Landseer, Mr. Croesus?" asked the visitor, pausing before the painting. "No," replied the host, "reckon it's a Durham; see how broad it is between the horns, and see the color and the curl on its forehead. That's a genuine Durham, sure. That ain't no Landseer."

A little Buffalo girl was not feeling well; and her parents suggested that she might be about to have chicken-pox, then prevalent. She went to bed laughing at the idea, but early next morning went into her parents' room, looking very serious, and said: "Yes, it is chicken-pox, papa. I found a felder in the bed."

"Did you see my picture in the paper to-day, dear?" inquired a young traveler who had taken quite an interest in politics, as he came into the house the other evening. "Yes, I did—and—and—" Here she burst into tears. "Why; what's the matter! Why does it make you cry?" "Why, Jack, I'm so disappointed. If I had known you looked like that I'd never have married you."

Mary had a little lot, and thought she'd better sell; she placed it on the market, and the way that lot did—well, it sold four times within a week, and every time it went the lucky man who bought it cleared 99 per cent. "What makes town lots go flying so?" the eager buyers cry. "Oh, Lincoln's on a boom, you know," the agents do reply. And so the owners mark them up, yet buyers do not squeal, but run impatiently about for fear they'll lose a deal.—*Lincoln (Kansas) Republican.*

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1887.

Decease of Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D.

We regret to announce the decease of Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions, which took place at his home in Lebanon, Pa., on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., in the 68th year of his age. Although his health has been failing for some time, his death will be a surprise to our people. Any account of his life and labors must necessarily be deferred. We can, at this writing, only express our appreciation of his merits and extend the sympathy of the Church to his family and his many friends.

When this number of THE MESSENGER reaches our readers, the friends of Franklin and Marshall College will be in the midst of the Centennial festivities at Lancaster. As we go to press on Monday morning, we can report only that the Baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday, the 12th inst., by Dr. T. G. Apple, President of the College. Dr. Apple based his discourse on the words, "For without Me ye can do nothing." He introduced his subject by referring to the interesting epoch formed for the institution by the close of one century and the beginning of another. He spoke of the spirit and design with which the two elder colleges, now so happily blended into one, were founded, and of the responsibility of the present generation in carrying on the work. The only sure reliance, he made to be, the Wisdom and Power, made available by the Incarnate God. This discourse with others will be given to the Church in a permanent form.

Dr. Apple gave a brilliant reception to the Senior Class at his residence on the College Campus, on Saturday night.

We hope that Children's Day, which comes on next Sunday, the third in June, will not be forgotten. "The Synod of the United States" has set that time, and it should be properly observed. We predict that in a few years Children's Day will be regarded as quite "an institution"—perhaps liable to some excesses, which ought to be guarded against from the beginning. Let the services be proper as well as joyous. The Presbyterian General Assembly have resolved upon this feature: "That on Children's Day special prayer be made in all the churches for the baptized children of the Church and for the personal consecration of the youth of the Church to holy lives."

The objection made by some one to having a member of our General Synod preach in a Universalist church at Akron, was very properly overruled at the late meeting in that place. The idea that the Synod would thereby commit itself to an acknowledgment of the Universalist denomination as a branch of the Christian Church is preposterous, and the logic of the argument would keep men from preaching the Gospel just where it ought to be preached. People who are in error need the light above all others.

We do not know of any work that is doing more good than Prof. Delitzsch's Hebrew translation of the New Testament. The *Missionary Herald*, published by the American Board, says that 30,000 copies have been circulated among the Jews of Siberia and are read with great avidity. These Siberian Jews have but little acquaintance with the Talmud and on that account are more open to the influences of the Gospel. A movement like that in Bessarabia is said to have commenced among them.

The Presbyterian General Assembly, just held at Omaha, did not adopt either of the Overtures, recently quoted in these columns, upon the subject of Church Union, but resolved to publish them in the appendix of their minutes as clear pre-

sentations of the position of the Presbyterian Church. After the reception of a communication from a commission of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention held in Oct. 1886, the Assembly expressed sympathy with the growing desire for practical unity, and appointed a commission to confer with similar commissions appointed by other Churches, and report the result of deliberations to the next General Assembly. No definite instructions were given to the Presbyterian commissioners.

The General Synod.

We are much indebted to our Associate Editors for the full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the General Synod at Akron, Ohio. Where one drops the pen another takes it up. These reports are much more reliable than those given by the "Associated Press," in which names and speeches are evidently mixed. Those unacquainted with the men and the inner life and spirit of the Church can scarcely be expected to get things right. In our reports the action of the Synod is given, and that is the main thing.

There were some earnest debates during the sessions. These are always to be expected when subjects of vital interest are under consideration. But the meetings were harmonious, and the conclusions reached will, we think, have the approval of the Church.

The action of the Synod declaring that the "Directory of Worship" had been ratified by the required majority of the Classes, was all sufficient on that point. The proposition to withdraw the authorization of other liturgies, was properly laid upon the table by a vote of almost two thirds. We cannot cut some things off by turning a spigot. Any forced attempt at that in this case would have increased the difficulties it proposed to obviate. Uniformity as far as it is desirable must be reached by growth and spiritual adaptation rather than by mechanical adjustment. We are certain that by the time those who oppose all liturgies, or at least claim to do as they please in such matters, come up to the regular use of the "Directory of Worship," those who have used "The Order of Worship" will come down to it. The difficulty in making an ordinance binding comes from two sides. Men ought to be willing to be bound themselves by that with which they are anxious to bind others. There are some things that cannot be settled in a day or generation, especially when partisan feelings and prejudices may yet remain. But when a standard has been authoritatively fixed all can work towards it.

There were other matters upon which the Synod took action, such as the preparation of a new Hymn Book, the provision for Sunday-school Lessons, and changes in the modes of missionary operations, which are merely experimental. So they will prove to be in the future as they have done in the past. We are yet feeling our way for that which is best.

We do not know enough of the new Constitution to speak of it advisedly. Alterations were made in many of the articles during the meeting of the General Synod, by a committee appointed for the purpose, and other necessary amendments will doubtless occur from time to time. It will be judged by its practical workings, and as every organic law must make provision for its own changes, whatever impracticable or undesirable features the one just adopted may contain, will be reached in a proper way. But for that the new Constitution would be inexorable as the law of the Medes and Persians.

All that we have written simply implies that we are not yet perfect; that the development of the kingdom of grace calls for new wisdom as the years roll by, and we can only pray that the light may always shine into our darkness.

We think the success of the General Synod in avoiding rocks and whirlpools that have well nigh wrecked or engulfed it in times past, is a matter of sincere congratulation for the Church.

Died Abroad.

A cablegram was received at Easton on Monday, the 6th inst., announcing the death of John Porter, which took place at Ovedia, Spain, on the Saturday previous. Mr. Porter was a son of Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Porter, who with his family will have the sympathy of the Church in this severe bereavement. The deceased was a promising young man who graduated at Lafayette College, and has been a regular practitioner at the Philadelphia bar since 1879. His disease was typhoid fever.

We understand that his body will be brought home for burial.

Bishop Stevens Dead.

The Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens died at his residence in this city, on last Saturday morning. He was born at Bath, Maine, in 1815, studied at Phillips Academy, Andover, and at Dartmouth College where he graduated in medicine in 1837. After practicing his profession for some years, he entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church and he soon rose to eminence. He was for a long time rector of St. Andrew's church, in this city, but was elected assistant Bishop after the lamented death of Bishop Bowman, in 1862. Upon the death of Bishop Alonzo Potter, he succeeded to the charge of the entire diocese, which then included the whole of Pennsylvania, and the mission churches on the continent of Europe. He was a man of fine culture, and administrative ability, and his loss will be felt outside of the Church in which he was a distinguished prelate.

Death of Judge Mercur.

The death of Hon. Ulysses Mercur, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which took place at Wallingford on the 6th inst., removed one of the most eminent and trusted citizens of the State. Judge Mercur was born in Towanda, Bradford county, August, 1818, graduated at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, at the age of twenty, and soon became prominent as a man of character and ability. After serving several terms in Congress, he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court in 1872. In 1883 he became the successor of the late Hon. George Sharswood as Chief Justice, and filled the position with great honor.

The Oriflamme.

The fifth volume of this work has just been issued by the Franklin and Marshall juniors of '87, and is of the same general character as its four predecessors. It is a depository of the "pith and point" that have cropped out during the last college year, and contains many "references to allusions" which the outside world cannot be expected to understand, but which will be enjoyed by those by the initiated.

One merit of nearly every publication consists largely in what is kept out of it. "Pins are very useful things," the little boy's composition said. "They save many lives, by people not swallowing them." We are glad for the omissions of the Oriflamme. We recognize in it no coarse thrusts at teachers and fellow students such as are often given in a cowardly way under cover of harmless humor. The arrows of true wit are always feathered with smiles and they are never shot with the conscious intention of wounding the sensibilities of the lowliest mortal on earth. The boy or the man who would stoop to that, is sure to be eaten up like Actæon of old, by his own dogs.

Apart from what we reasonably suppose to be ingenious pleasantly, the Oriflamme for '87, contains as usual, a register of the college, with its classes and societies, and much other valuable information. The order of procession observed at the dedication of Franklin College in 1777, which it publishes after a hundred years have passed, is full of interest. We had not seen it before.

The work flames out in a garb of blue and gold. It is printed on fine white paper with blue ink. The frontispiece is a finely executed likeness of Prof. Dubbs.

The *Presbyterian Banner* tells of a man who read a written speech in favor of his candidate for Moderator of the late General Assembly.

Editorial Correspondence

The Meeting of the General Synod.

CONTINUED.

The services of the General Synod, on Friday evening, assumed the form of a missionary meeting held by the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, which had been organized in the afternoon of the same day. The meeting, which was very largely attended, was presided over by Mrs. Rev. S. B. Yockey, President of the Society, assisted by the Vice-President, Mrs. Rev. H. M. Herman. In addition to the hymns, which were sung with great fervor by the choir and congregation, the services consisted of a Scripture selection read by Mrs. Herman; prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Bomberger; an interesting address by Mrs. Yockey, on "Woman's Place in the Missionary Work of the Church," appropriate addresses by Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne, President of the Board

of Foreign Missions, and Rev. Dr. C. Z. Weiser, and prayer by Rev. Dr. H. Rust. A collection was also taken up for the benefit of the newly constituted missionary organization.

The session of the General Synod, on Saturday morning, was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. Dr. P. Greding. Rev. Dr. Bomberger, in behalf of the delegation appointed to represent the Reformed Church at the meeting of the Reformed Alliance at Belfast, Ireland, in June and July, 1885, presented his report. According to this report, eight delegates were present, in representation of the Reformed Church at the meeting of the Alliance; which organization, it was stated, was manifesting great life and vigor and fulfilling the object for which it had been formed. During the discussion of this report, Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, one of the delegation to the meeting of the Alliance at Belfast, spoke earnestly and instructively upon the significance and importance of the Reformed Alliance and of the representation of the Reformed Church of the United States in that body. Dr. Apple also spoke very impressively in behalf of the suffering churches in Bohemia, and the payment by our church of the \$800 asked of it by the Alliance for the relief of these churches. Remarks to the same effect were made by Rev. Jas. I. Good, another of the delegates to the Belfast Alliance, showing the necessity of our manifesting our sympathy with this suffering Reformed Church, and the great results which might eventually follow from the small amount of aid now asked. On this subject there was a long and interesting discussion, in which, besides those mentioned, Dr. Bomberger, Dr. Van Horne, Elder Bousch, Dr. Zahner and others participated. A very interesting historical account was given by Dr. Zahner of the sources of the sufferings of the Bohemian Church; how the Reformed people of that country had not only lost their religious liberty but had suffered also the confiscation of their lands, houses, &c.; how thirty thousand emigrants fled from the dreadful persecution afterwards went out and formed the settlement at Herrnhut; how a remnant remained, poor, weak, and struggling against continued persecution and oppression; how it was only recently that, in consequence of the Emperors being compelled to grant a measure of religious liberty, this suffering Church began once more to show life and make progress; and how the hearts of those Reformed people were made to rejoice by this sign of sympathy from the Reformed Church of America. It was resolved that the sum of \$800 be appropriated from the treasury of the Synod for the relief of the Bohemian Churches.

It was also resolved by the Synod to elect twelve delegates, eight ministers and four elders, to represent the Reformed Church of the United States at the next meeting of the Reformed Alliance to be held in London, in July, 1888.

The sermon, at the preparatory service on Saturday afternoon, was preached by Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, from John 1:29: "Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world;" the liturgical services being conducted by Revs. E. R. Willard and F. J. Sauerber.

A statement from the President of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Ministers' Widows, was received, showing the object, the resources and the wants of that organization. The statement was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the society was commended to the church in general, with the request that collections be taken up for its benefit in the month of September.

J. S. K.

Sunday Services. Sunday morning at Akron dawned bright and beautiful. A large Sunday-school, consisting of nearly four hundred scholars, besides officers and teachers, gathered in the lecture and class rooms of Grace Church, at 9 o'clock. The children sang with a will and all engaged heartily in the service and in the study of the lesson. Dr. G. W. Willard addressed the school in a familiar and pleasant manner. The pastor and people of the congregation have a most interesting work in the Sunday-school, and they seem well adapted for carrying it on successfully.

At 10:30 communion services were held. Dr. T. G. Apple, of Lancaster, preached. The theme was "The personal love of the believer for his Lord." The sermon was an able discussion of the subject and was appropriate to the time and occasion. Besides the members of Synod, a very large number of the members of the congregation availed themselves of the privilege of approaching the Lord's Table. At 2:30 P. M., addresses were made to the children of the church by Revs. Sauerber of York, Pa., and Yockey of Xenia, O., and Elder W. R. Barnhart of Greensburg, Pa.

In the evening at 7:30, a missionary service was held, presided over by Rev. J. A. Peters of Danville, Pa., President of General Synod Board of Domestic Missions. A stirring and able address was made by Rev. C. S. Gerhard of Reading, Pa. It was full of statistics and facts and food for thought and forcible appeal to the generous impulses of the hearers. This was followed by addresses by Revs. R. L. Gerhart, Frank Wetzel, Dr. Apple and others. All the Sunday services were heartily enjoyed, and were far more spirited and interesting than is usual at such meetings.

Directory of Worship. During Monday forenoon session the Committee on Minutes of Classes reported that 39 Classes had voted in favor of the adoption of the Directory of Worship, 9 voted against it, 4 abstained from voting, and 1 was not heard from.

The subject of the Directory of Worship was again taken up on Tuesday forenoon, and it was unanimously resolved that whereas the Directory of Worship has received in its favor the votes of more than two-thirds of the Classes, it is now declared to be constitutionally adopted as the Directory of Worship of the Reformed Church in the United States and an ordinance of the Church. A motion was made that we do now take away the authorization of all other liturgies now in use under the authority of the General Synod. A paper somewhat stronger than the above was offered as a substitute. The whole subject was earnestly and thoroughly, and withal temperately, discussed by members of Synod. Both the motion to take away the authorization of other liturgies and the paper proposed as a substitute for it were finally laid on the table by a vote of 72 to 40. The sentiment largely prevailed that as an ordinance of the Church, constitutionally secured by a two-thirds vote of the Classes, the Directory of Worship is of bind-

ing authority, and will, as it ought, gradually supplant the other liturgies now in use.

A question having been raised as to the legal status of the delegates of the newly organized Wichita Classis, this organization not having as yet been recognized by the Ohio Synod, it was resolved that the delegates from said Classis retain their seats in General Synod, and that a new Synod consisting of Iowa, Northern Illinois, Kansas and Wichita Classes, be formed. The new Synod was directed to organize in the Reformed church, Kansas City, in September, and Rev. D. S. Fouse of Iowa, was appointed to preside at the organization.

During the first day's session of Synod a committee, of which Rev. Cyrus Cort was chairman, appointed by the Synod of Baltimore, offered a lengthy and exhaustive report on the unification of the Home Mission work of the Reformed church. This report was discussed at length on Monday afternoon; and it was finally resolved that all District Synod Boards of Missions look towards unification under the Home Mission Board of the General Synod, and that all our Missions be put under the control and care of General Synod's Board of Missions as soon as practicable. It was also resolved that this Board be directed to elect a general secretary or superintendent as soon as practicable, and that the committee on finance make provision for the salary and traveling expenses of said officer.

The matter of the New Constitution reported to Synod by a committee holding over from last meeting of Synod, was taken up on Monday afternoon. After considerable discussion a committee of fourteen (two from each Synod) was appointed to revise the new constitution and report during present sessions of Synod. This committee reported during Tuesday evening's session, having made alterations in eighteen articles of the instrument. These changes, and the constitution as changed, the committee of revision unanimously agreed to report. The constitution as revised was approved by Synod and sent to the Classes for adoption.

Early in the sessions of Synod a committee on Sunday-schools was raised, to which were referred a number of requests and overtures on the subject of Sunday-schools from various Classes and Synods. This committee reported on Tuesday evening. A General Synod Sunday-school Board was created, to which the preparation of Lesson Leaves and Sunday-school Helps, Sunday-school Papers and the publication of them for the whole Church were committed. The district Synods and those who by their authority now have control of these matters are directed to place them, as soon as practicable, in the hands of the General Synod Sunday-school Board. This Board consists of Revs. C. S. Gerhard, Jas. I. Good, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, C. Clever, D. B. Lady, E. R. Willard, A. E. Baichly, August E. F. Schade, O. F. Kriete, and A. E. Dahlman.

On the second day of Synod, the committee on English Hymn Book, appointed at last meeting in Baltimore, reported a hymn book prepared by Revs. J. M. Shick and H. King, of Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh. One-third of the hymns in this book were common to both Eastern and Western Hymn Books, one-third were taken exclusively from the Eastern, and the same number from the Western book. This book was referred to a special committee, which reported on Tuesday afternoon. A new committee to prepare a Hymnal for the whole Church was raised to report at the next triennial meeting of this body. To this committee was referred the hymn book of Revs. Shick and King, and the committee was directed to make this book the basis of their work. Committee: H. M. Kieffer, J. M. Shick, J. H. Hoffheins, and H. H. W. Hibschan.

The election for members of boards, etc., was held on Tuesday, at 3 P. M., with the following result:

Board of Home Missions—Revs. J. M. Kendig, J. H. Klein, D. D., D. S. Fouse, and J. J. Leberman; Elders Charles Santee and Jno. S. Zimmerman.

Board of Foreign Missions—Revs. B. Bausman, D. D., C. Z. Weiser, D. D., N. Gehr, D. D., and Jac. Dahlman, D. D.; Elders R. F. Kelker and G. S. Griffith.

Board of Directors of Orphan's Homes—Elders W. F. Hoffman and C. G. Gross.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies—General Synod of Reformed Church in America, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D. General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in United States, Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D. General Synod of Ev. Lutheran Church, Rev. David B. Lady. Quadrennial Provincial Synod of Moravian Church, Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D. Evangelical Synod of North America, Rev. Herman Rust, D. D. Delegates to Reformed Alliance, Fourth General Council, etc. Revs. T. G. Apple, D. D., J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., C. Z. Weiser, D. D., David Van Horne, D. D., C. S. Gerhard, S. G. Wagner, D. D., S. N. Callender, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., J. O. Miller, D. D., J. C. Bowman, G. W. Willard, D. D., H. H. W. Hibschan, D. D., Edward Herbruck, Herman A. Muehlmeir, D. D., John B. Knist, D. D., and Augustus Becker. Elders C. M. Bousch, H. Wirt, Benjamin Kuhns, H. H. Baughman, J. W. Kieffer, W. E. Schmetz, D. Shepp, and W. R. Barnhart.

Synod fixed time and place for next meeting as follows: Wednesday after Whitsunday, 1890, in the city of Lebanon, Pa.

D. B. L.

The order of the day on Wednesday morning was the appeal of Miami Classis against the Ohio Synod in the case of Rev. G. W. H. Smith. Elder C. M. Bousch and Rev. J. B. Henry addressed the Synod in behalf of the appellant. Revs. Dr. G. W. Willard, S. B. Yockey and J. M. Kendig spoke for the Ohio Synod. The General Synod sustained the appeal of the Classis against the decision of the Ohio Synod by a vote of 79 yeas to 10 nays.

The item on Harbor Missions, in the report of the Committee on Missions, called out considerable discussion. Two thousand dollars was appropriated to carry forward the work at New York and Baltimore, and the mission was transferred to the German Synod of the East.

The resolution that \$15,000 be apportioned annually among the different Synods and Classes for Foreign Missions was reconsidered and another resolution passed commending the cause to the liberality of the churches, requesting them to contribute at least \$15,000 annually for the next three years.

The committee on Church Union submitted an interesting report and recommended the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Re-

formed Church of America at its annual meeting in 1886, appointed a committee, of which Rev. Dr. Taylor of Newark, is chairman, to confer with a similar committee of our church on organic union, therefore.

Resolved, That this General Synod appoint a committee of five to confer with a similar committee from said church in reference to organic union.

The committee appointed consists of Rev. Drs. T. G. Apple, J. Spangler Kieffer, G. W. Willard, H. J. Ruetenik, and Rev. James I. Good.

The report on the State of Religion was read and presented many encouraging features. The accessions to the membership during the last three years aggregate 14,000, making an increase of almost 5000 a year.

At 5:30 P. M., Synod adjourned by uniting in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Long Meter Doxology.

Communications.

Three Days with the Orphans at Womelsdorf.

First Day—Thursday, May 26th. This was the day for the annual picnic "up on the mountain." Seventy happy children, superintendent, matron, teachers and other employees, all hurrying to and fro in the morning getting ready for the day. About half-past nine the children are all called together. The large hay wagon, filled with straw, draws up to the gate. Amid shouting and jesting all the girls and smaller boys climb on the straw, the Japanese parasols are "flung to the breeze," and amid shouts and laughter the ship on wheels moves off. The larger boys, on foot, take a short cut up the steep hill, confident that they will arrive at the picnic ground long before the girls get there. The superintendent and matron following in the spring wagon, convey the wherewithal to make a picnic a success. Judging by other occasions it was thought there was an abundance on the wagon, but there is no means of calculating to a nicety the capacity of seventy healthy children on picnic occasions, hence it was found necessary, after dinner, to dispatch two boys for more supplies. It was a beautiful day—until half-past three o'clock. Well, we had long wished for rain and it would now ill become us to complain. For a time we found shelter under the straw wagon and under the trees, but finally gladly accepted the hospitable shelter offered by a kind family living on the mountain. Some of the boys, rather enjoying the experience, started a rousing fire on the picnic ground, which felt very comfortable. A warm supper at home and a hot lemonade all around, just before retiring, made us, in spite of the drenching, feel all right the following day.

Second Day—Saturday, May 28th. After a long course of instruction on the doctrines of the church, as formulated in the Heidelberg catechism, a class of fourteen orphans, (seven boys and seven girls) were confirmed by the pastor of the Bethany (Orphans' Home) congregation. The pulpit and altar in the chapel were beautifully decorated with flowers.

Third Day—Sunday, May 29th. A precious communion season was enjoyed by the little congregation at the Home. The class that was confirmed the previous evening communed for the first time. The chapel was again appropriately decorated. A collection for benevolence was taken amounting to \$15.02. For Home Missions, \$10.02; for Bethany Orphans' Home, \$5.

The Schleigh Academy and Kindergarten and Bryn Mawr Preparatory.

This is the name of a worthy institution for boarding and day pupils, located at 1427 North Sixteenth street, Philadelphia. The principal is Miss F. M. Schleigh, formerly of Hagerstown, Md., and no doubt well known to many of the readers of THE MESSENGER in that section, as well as in this city, where, by the success her institution has attained, she has won a well merited reputation as an educator. She is assisted by Miss Effie Moore, vice-principal, and Miss Louise Haug, Kindergarten department. The tenth year will open next September. On the evening of the 8th inst., it was our pleasure to be present at a reception given by the teachers and pupils of the Academy and Kindergarten, at the rooms occupied by the institution. The whole building was thrown open for the reception of its many friends and patrons who, amid the greetings of young and old, and the strains of sweet music, and the graceful and neat decorations of shrubbery and flowers, passed pleasantly the evening. The principal and her associates did everything to make the occasion one to be enjoyed and remembered. Refreshments were also served to the many guests, the pupils doing the honors of the occasion. The whole argues well for the future success of the institution. We take great pleasure in thus calling the attention of parents to its claims and advantages as a school to which they may send their children.

Sunday-Schools and Missions.

The third annual Sunday-school Convention of Illinois Classics met at Summit, Ill., May 24th and 25th, just before the opening session of Classics.

The programme was an excellent one and was fully carried out. Among the topics were: 1. Relation of Sunday-schools to the Church; 2. Relations to Missions; 3. Obligations of every Christian to the Sunday-school Work; 4. Obligations which attach to the Teacher; 5. Best methods of preparing and teaching lesson; 6. How to secure and retain a better attendance; 7. The Value of Classical Conventions and how to improve them. The discussions were earnest, inter-

esting and enthusiastic. Prominent among the speakers were Revs. J. Sechler, R. F. Oplinger, J. Wolbach, Frank Wetzel, J. F. Butler, Geo. E. Metzger, Henry Bair, H. L. Hart, S. L. Runkle, D. K. Fulcason, and Messrs. P. S. Scheib, E. H. Diehl, Jno. Runkle, Al. Bonnell, L. S. Jones, and Lewis Rauch.

Officers for ensuing year: P. S. Scheib, president; D. Franz, vice-president; E. H. Diehl, secretary and treasurer. Adjourned to meet two days before meeting of Classis next year.

Friday afternoon and evening the Ladies' Missionary Society of Illinois held two interesting sessions. The essays, addresses, music and reports were listened to with interest by the large audience. A local society of the most active and progressive ladies of the congregation was organized with Mrs. Mary J. S. Diehl, president, Miss Lizzie Bricker, secretary, and a full corps of officers and working members. Our church in the West realizes and appreciates the great work women can do when enlisted in the cause. If all the mothers and sisters of each congregation would engage heartily in the Sunday-school and mission cause, our power for good would be doubled in one year; quadrupled in two years.

General Agent Binkley reports nine new subscribers for THE MESSENGER in the Butler charge, of which Rev. D. N. Harnish is pastor.

Church News.

Stated Clerks of Classes and Pastors will oblige us by sending such items of News as will be of interest to the Church.

Our Own Church.

Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia.—Christ Church.—Special services were held on Trinity Sunday, in Christ Reformed church, Green street below Sixteenth, this city, for the purpose of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the founding of Franklin and Marshall College. The day was set apart by the friends of the college for the purpose of collecting funds to increase its endowment. The services were participated in by the congregation and Sunday-school, and were conducted by Rev. James Crawford, the pastor. The offerings of the Sunday-school amounted to \$145, \$100 of which was given to the College. This, with what the congregation contributed, made a total offering of about \$240. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. P. S. Davis, Joseph A. Reed and Drs. A. S. Gerhard and S. H. Guilford. The pastor was assisted by T. A. Fenstermaker. The pulpit was nicely decorated with cut plants and flowers. An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation of a lot of books, the gift of Superintendent J. Y. Diltz, to the Sunday-school scholars for good attendance during the year.

Church of the Strangers.—Rev. G. H. Johnston, pastor. On Trinity Sunday the holy communion was celebrated in this church. Eleven additions were made to the congregation.

Reamstown.—Rev. S. Schweitzer received 71 new members into the Reamstown charge during the last year. The Ephrata Reformed congregation is wanting a new church building. A committee has been appointed to view different sites, on which to erect a new church. Rev. S. Schweitzer is preaching there every alternate Sunday evening in a Union chapel.

Beaver Charge.—In connection with the communion on Whitsunday, in the St. Mark's congregation, Monroe, Beaver charge, Clarion county, Rev. J. F. Wiant, pastor, 8 persons were received, 1 by confirmation and 7 by certificate. This makes the additions to the communicants in the charge during the past classical year, 30. Over 40 children were baptized during this period. The alms for benevolent purposes, the flowering and fruiting of the Christian life during this classical year amount to nearly \$500, an amount nearly as large as that given for congregational purposes, including pastor's salary. Efforts are now being made to raise the funds to repair the parsonage. During the present pastorate, now in its 8th year, catechetical classes have each year been carried along in both congregations from April or May, until the following January. February, a period of about 9 months in every year. The classes at present under instruction, are encouragingly large and interesting.

Manheim.—St. Paul's.—The second anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Warren J. Johnson, was celebrated by a special service on the evening of the 5th inst., in the presence of a large congregation. The young ladies of the congregation had decorated the pulpit and recess with beautiful cut flowers, including a lovely floral anchor, floral wreaths and large bouquets and the communion table with a basket of roses. The sermon of the pastor was most appropriate, delivered in an eloquent and forcible manner, and was full of rejoicing and encouragement. This two years' pastorate has been most successful. The congregation has contributed \$9,100, of which \$3,300—have been for benevolent purposes. During the past year alone \$7,500 has been contributed, of which \$3,100 has been devoted to benevolent objects. 52 new members have been added, and the mite society and sewing circle have raised almost \$400. The beautiful church, large congregations, and well attended weekly meetings speak plainly of the vigor and life of this people. The pastor has labored hard and actively, yet he must feel himself amply repaid by these signs of prosperity. The music of the choir was admirably rendered and won many commendations. Surely the congregation enter upon the third year of the present pastorate with every encouragement.—Daily Intelligence.

Sulphur Spring.—The last of four communions in the Sulphur Spring charge, of which Rev. George E. Addams is pastor, was held on the 30th of May. Thirteen were received by confirmation and five by certificate and reprofessio of faith. The amount of alms collected in the charge during the year aggregated about \$1511.

Ringtown.—The last of the spring communions of the Ringtown charge, Rev. W. B. Sandoe, pastor, was held on the 6th inst. All communions were well attended. There were received fifteen young persons into full communion of the church, after having attended a regular course of catechetical in-

struction, as follows: Emanuel's, 11; St. John's, 4. Collections for beneficiary cause amounted to about fifty dollars. A catechetical class has been organized in St. Paul's and another will be organized at Brandonville on the 26th inst.

Pittsburgh.—Zion's Church.—On the evening of the 18th ult., there seemed to be a misunderstanding between the pastor, Rev. J. W. Miller, and the members of Zion's Reformed church. It being Wednesday evening, the pastor, of course, thought they were to meet at the church for worship, and hence in due time repaired thence; but the people thought differently, and during his absence assembled at the parsonage. It is needless to say that upon that particular evening, the attendance was small. After services, innocent of all that was transpiring, the pastor, in company with one of his elders, returned home only to find his house literally packed with smiling faces of men, women and children. Neither had they come empty-handed, for the dining-room table fairly trembled beneath its burden of good things. The pastor later was led into the parlor, and was there, in an appropriate address by Dr. W. J. Rugh, who, in behalf of the congregation, presented him with a fine black cloth suit and a silk hat. The pastor responded in a few fitting remarks. After spending an hour or two pleasantly together, all returned to their homes feeling that pastor and people were alike blessed and strengthened for the great work which God has yet in store for them to do.

Mechanicsburg.—St. Paul's.—Rev. W. I. Stewart, pastor received on Whitsunday's members. Communion collection \$23.00.

Stoyestown.—Eight members have been added to the Stoyestown charge; 5 by certificate, and 3 by confirmation; and \$50 contributed for Wichita University, during the late communion season, Rev. W. D. Lefevre, pastor.

Greenville.—Shenango Charge.—The spring communion was celebrated during the month of May in each of the four congregations composing this charge, Rev. F. Pilgram, pastor. The offerings of the people amounted to \$61.89 for classical appointment. At Good Hope church two persons were added by confirmation and at Zion's one coming from the Roman Catholic Church.

Ohio.

Wadsworth.—The spring communion was observed in this congregation on the 29th of May. Tuscarawas Classis which convened in this place on Thursday the 24th, provided for preaching as follows: Tuesday evening, Rev. J. B. Shontz; Wednesday evening, Rev. E. P. Herbruck; Thursday evening, Rev. R. C. Zartman; Friday evening, Rev. S. Ream; Saturday P. M. preparatory sermon, Rev. A. Gosser; Sunday morning, (Pentecost) Rev. J. Ihle. The services throughout were of an interesting character and much appreciated. The audience on Sunday was very large. Six were added to the congregation, one by certificate, one baptized and four confirmed. Rev. S. Goss, is pastor.

Iowa.

Zwingle.—Rev. F. C. Bauman, pastor, confirmed, 4; received by certificate, 1, and by reprofessio, 4. Total, 9. Alms \$12.67 and devoted to Foreign Missions.

Brandon.—On May 25th, two Classis met here in special session to receive licentiate W. E. Shaley from Tiffin Classis and provide for his ordination. The committee on ordination attended to their appointed duty the same evening. Rev. D. S. Fous preaching the sermon. Elder Shaley of Terre Haute, Ind., father of the candidate was present at the interesting and solemn ceremony. After a long vacancy this charge is again supplied. A distance of 35 miles between the two congregations makes the pastor's labor arduous especially in winter. It is to be hoped, however, the young brother will bravely endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Personal.

Rev. A. D. Gring and family arrived at San Francisco, Cal., on Monday, 5th inst. They will tarry awhile there with a view to recuperate health and obtain needed rest before undertaking the trip across the continent. They will be warmly greeted on their way and receive a hearty welcome in the East.

Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., of Annville, Pa., on the 1st inst., reached the 35th year of his present pastorate.

Wanted.

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Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Pa.

Programme for closing week, Monday evening, June 20th, 1887. Address to the students and members of the literary societies by Rev. John H. Prugh, of Pittsburgh, Pa., subject: "Shadow Casting."

Tuesday, 21st, 10 A. M., meeting of the Board of Trustees of literary institutions of Pittsburgh Synod. In the evening, annual literary and musical entertainment. The music will be directed by Prof. H. G. Smith, of New York city.

16th Annual Commencement Of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., June 19-23, 1887.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

Sunday, June 19th.—8 P. M., Baccalaureate Sermon in St. Luke's Reformed Church, by President Bomberger.

Monday, June 20th.—Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and of the Standing and Special Committees of the Ursinus Union.

8 P. M., Junior Exhibition in the College Chapel.

Tuesday, June 21st.—8 P. M., Annual Address before the Literary Societies by Hon. Henry K. Boyer, of Philadelphia, Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Wednesday, June 22nd.—10 A. M., Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, 1.30 P.

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M., Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, 3.30 P. M., Annual Meeting of the Ursinus Union, 8 P. M., Annual Oration before the Alumni Association in the College Chapel, by Rev. M. H. Groh, A. B., '74, of Landisburg, Perry county, Pa. Subject: "Triumph of Christianity." 9.30 P. M., Alumni Banquet.

Thursday, June 23d.—10 A. M., COMMENCEMENT, in Trinity Christian Church, at which the customary order of exercises will be followed; consisting of Orations by the members of the Graduating Class, the Conferring of Degrees, etc.

3 P. M., General Meeting of the Ursinus Union and of the Guests and Friends of the College, followed by a Concert on the College Campus.

8 P. M., President's Reception.

Arrangements have been made with the Reading, Lehigh Valley, and Perkiomen Railroads for excursion rates good from June 17th to 25th. For orders for Reading and Lehigh Valley tickets apply immediately to Ursinus College Bulletin, Collegeville, Pa. The Perkiomen tickets will be sold without orders.

Meeting of the Classes

Of the Synod in the United States, the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Synod of the Potomac.

Lebanon—Stoughton, Berks county, Pa., June 16th, 1887.

Clarion—Eddyville, Armstrong county, Pa., June 23d, 1887.

San Francisco

Acknowledgments.

Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Per Rev. James T. Reber, treasurer Schuylkill Cl., from ad Ref. church, Reading, Pa., Rev. C. F. McCauley, D.D., pastor, \$50.00

Rev. Simon S. Miller, treas. Maryland Cl., from Manchester chge, 3.00

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Mount Zion congregation, Nescopek, 2.81

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WM. M. DEATRICK, Treasurer Board of Education.

Mercersburg, Pa., June 1st, 1887.

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Miscellaneous.

Tamers of the Ground.

BY PROF. JAMES C. MOFFAT.

There is conquest of force in taming the horse
Till he brooks to be driven and bound,
But prouder by far the victories are
Of the men who tame the ground—
Who tame the ground and its willful powers,
And determine the work it must do,
Till it leaves its own and executes ours,
With obedience docile and true.

For they are true workers together with God,
In maturing the earth to His plan,
And in teaching her dull and unmeaning sod
To glow with the thinking of man—
Who compel her rude life to surrender the world,
The marsh and the jungle to yield
To Him who can out of her deserts unfold
The wealth of the fruit-bearing field.

Delights there may be on the restless sea,
Though treacherous, barren and bare;
But the grateful land ever blesses the hand
That tends it with wisdom and care.
Then hench to the heroes who tame the
ground,
And hold it in bountiful thrall,
For they lap the earth with their conquests
around,
Enriching, benignant to all.

Selections.

O blessed life! the mind that sees,—
Whatever change the years may bring,—
A mercy still in everything,
And shining through all mysteries.

—William Tidd Matson.

Behind the snowy loaf is the mill-wheel;
behind the mill the wheat-field; on the wheat-
field falls the sunlight; above the sun is God.
—J. S. Russell.

The Christian spirit loves with aid to go;
Will not be sought, waits not for want to
plead,
But seeks the duty—nay, prevents the need.

—Crabbe.

Let not unworthiness sear the children of
God. Parents love their children and do
them good, not because they see that they are
more worthy than others, but because they
are their own.

Don't do right unwillingly
And stop to plan and measure;
'Tis working with the heart and soul
That makes our duty pleasure.

—Phoebe Cary.

Personal.

Hon. Wm. M. Wheeler, ex-Vice-President
of the United States, died on the 4th inst.

Prince Bismarck's birthday was remem-
bered by the Moravian colony at Labrador;
and they sent his Highness the skin of a
Polar bear, eight feet long, "as a patriotic
offering."

The will of Alexander Mitchell provides
for the following charities: The Milwaukee
Protestant orphan asylum, \$10,000; Mil-
waukee Catholic orphan asylum, \$5,000; St.
Mary's (Catholic) hospital, \$10,000; St.
Mary's (Catholic) hospital, \$5,000; Young
Men's Christian Association, \$10,000;
Nashotah Seminary, \$5,000; Racine College,
\$5,000.

The Rev. Samuel Willoughby Duffield,
author of "English Hymns: Their Authors
and History," died recently at Bloomfield,
N. J. Mr. Duffield was the grandson of the
famous Dr. George Duffield, and the son of
the Rev. George Duffield, Jr., himself a man
of no mean abilities, still living in feeble
health. A number of years ago these three
men—George Duffield, George Duffield, Jr.,
and Samuel W. Duffield—preached on the
same day, morning, afternoon, and evening,
in the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit,
of which the senior was then pastor.

Mr. John Wanamaker is preparing plans
for the establishment of a home club for the
young unmarried men in his employ. A
splendid building containing two hundred
rooms will be erected on Broad street, ad-
joining the Academy of Fine Arts. The par-
lors are to be elegantly furnished, and a
library, music rooms, billiard room and
gymnasium provided. The work of build-
ing is to be commenced immediately. The
house at Broad and Brown streets, for the
young women at Mr. Wanamaker's store,
will be ready for occupancy in the autumn.

Science and Art.

The buzzing sound of a locomotive boiler
at times is caused by the circulation of the
water in the boiler, and only occurs when
the pressure of steam is comparatively low.
At higher pressures this sound will not be
heard.

To make positive copies of drawings, coat
suitable paper with a 2 per cent. solution of
bichromate of ammonia, to which a little
grape sugar has been added, and dry in the
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laid upon it and exposed to the light until
the prepared paper has assumed a gray
color, now dip into a 1 per cent. solution of
nitrate of silver, one-tenth of the volume
of which consists of acetic acid. The posi-
tive image developed thereby consists of bi-
chromate of silver, which becomes dark
brown on drying.

NATURAL GAS.—Prof. N. S. Shaler, of the
U. S. Geological Survey, discusses, in The
Forum for May, the present information we
have on the subject of natural gas. The

consumption of this gas during the year
1886, estimated on a coal basis, probably ex-
ceeded in value \$6,000,000, and its use is
rapidly increasing, since its cheapness as a
fuel effects a saving in many factories equal
to not less than 10 per cent. on the capital
invested. As regards the extent of the nat-
ural gas deposits, Professor Shaler is of the
opinion that "the Mississippi Valley section
of this country can alone be looked to as a
field for a supply of this product, at least in
large quantities," because in this region the
earth deposits have been least disturbed and
the imprisoned gas has not had so much
chance to escape. The durability of the
supply is largely a matter of conjecture, al-
though the steady diminution in the flow of
the gas as the wells grow older indicates
their exhaustibility, and it is estimated that
the supply for thirty miles around Pittsburg
is likely to be used up within eight years.
Judging from the geological conditions of the
earth, it does not appear likely that large
supplies of natural gas will be found in any
of the industrial centres of the Old World,
although in Africa, Australia, South America,
and parts of Asia, there is a probability of
finding it in abundance. The Geological
Survey is now engaged in gathering informa-
tion on the subject in all parts of the coun-
try, and hopes soon to know just where na-
tural gas may be sought for with a prospect
of success.

Items of Interest.

Three children and two women were killed
and sixty persons were injured in the panic
which occurred in the cathedral at Chihuahua,
Mexico.

The Grant Monument Association, New
York, has invited sketches for designs for a
monument or memorial building to be erect-
ed at Riverside Park over the tomb of Gen-
eral Grant.

The school officials of Boston have posted
notices in all the school buildings of that
city, forbidding the chewing of tobacco by
the pupils. They have even posted the
notice in the Girls' High School Building,
much to the indignation of the young wo-
men.

The long-continued and most disastrous
drought in Texas, now covering sixty coun-
ties, is a puzzle to all the weather-wise of that
section. The San Antonio Texas Stockman
says that the wind has blown steadily for
eighteen or twenty months, from nearly the
same quarter, varying from the southwest to
the north, and that as long as this continues
the drought will not be broken.

"Browning" oranges grown in the West
Indies and Mexico, so that they shall pass
muster as real Florida fruit, is the device of
an enterprising Yankee. The process con-
sists of putting the fruit into a large sieve
and passing it over a hot fire until the
oranges contained therein are sufficiently
scorched, technically "browned" to give them
the true Florida tinge, which is peculiar to
that delicious orange. The "browned" fruit
is mostly shipped North and West.

An old fellow and his wife each liked a
glass. They bought a keg of beer and
agreed that each should pay the other a dime
every time he or she took a drink. They
had but one dime left after paying for the
original purchase, and that was in the hands
of the man. He took a drink and passed the
coin to the woman. She soon felt thirsty and
passed it back to him for another. And so
the process went on until the keg was empty
and they were amazed to find but a single
dime for the whole.

The bill to prohibit book-making and pool-
selling, except within the enclosure of fair or
race track associations incorporated under
the laws of the State, which has become a
law in Illinois, provides a penalty of impris-
onment for a period of not less than six
months nor more than one year, or a fine not
exceeding \$2,000, for selling pools or keep-
ing records of bets or wagers upon results of
any trial or contest of the speed, power, or
endurance of any man or beast, or upon the
result of any political appointment, election,
or nomination.

La France says the police authorities are
keeping from the public the actual number
of deaths resulting from the Opera Comique
fire. Many bodies, it says, have been taken
from the ruins at various times and removed
to the morgue unknown to the people. La
France estimates the real number of lives
lost by the fire at over 200. Madame Blondel,
a lady who was in the theatre when the fire
broke out, has just died from the effects of
nervous fright experienced in her escape from
the burning building, and M. Alberic Second,
the French writer, has died of inflammation
of the lungs, contracted on the night of the
fire.

The Turkish court cabals have been set
about to drive out certain of the Sultan's
favorites. They have succeeded so well that
the unhappy potentate has not been getting
any sleep, has been discharging his faithful
servants, eunuchs, courtiers, etc., and has
been unable to attend to important matters,
which, perhaps, explains the long delay in
signing the Anglo-Turkish convention. The
chief victims of the cabal have been the
Kislar Aga, or chief eunuch, and Abul
Houda, once an all powerful sheik, who has
now been packed off with all belongings to
Messina. The accusation is probably un-
founded that they and the other officials who
have been disgraced had been conspiring to
depose the Sultan in favor of his nephew,
Solah Eddin.

The introduction of soap, it is said, is
doing much to civilize the people of the Holy
Land. A large soap factory has been estab-
lished on the site of ancient Shechem, and
the people are beginning to use it on their
persons instead of trying to eat it as they did
at first. Along with the introduction of soap
other reforms are going on. Bethlehem has
been rebuilt and the streets are lighted with
gas. Caesarea is having a building boom.
Nazareth is becoming the headquarters of
big olive oil speculators. Corner lots in
Joppa are going up with a rush, and real
estate in Mt. Carmel is largely held by spec-
ulators for an advance. All around Shechem
there is a lively demand for good soap fat,
and the sleepy inhabitants of Ramoth
Gilead think of building a glue factory.
Jerusalem is waking up also. It has a street
cleaning bureau, big clocks on the public
buildings, and its suburbs are being built up
rapidly. Even in the vale of Ghehena the
price of land has gone up.—New York Tri-
bune.

Useful Hints and Recipes.

According to an Austrian physician, a tea-
spoonful of salt in a tumbler of water will
cure a headache nine times out of ten.

CRABS, DEVILED.—Pick out the meat of
four dozen boiled hard-shell crabs, put it into
a bowl and add a half-pint of mayonnaise.
Mix carefully with your hand, wash a dozen
of the shells, put a little of the mixture into
each, grate a loaf of dry bread, season a
point of it with a salt and pepper; sprinkle it
over the crabs evenly; make twelve little
balls of butter about the size of hickory-nuts;
put one on top of each crab and bake in a
quick oven.

A HINT TO THE LADIES.—Save the tea
leaves for a few days, then steep them in a
tin pail or pan for half an hour, drain through
a sieve and use the tea for all varnished
paint. It requires very little elbow polish,
as the tea acts as a strong detergent, clean-
ing the paint from all impurities, and making
the varnish equal to new. It cleans window
sashes and oil cloths—indeed any varnished
surface is improved by its application. It
washes window panes and mirrors much bet-
ter than water, and is excellent for cleaning
black walnut picture and looking-glass
frames. It will not do to wash unvarnished
paint with it.

LOBSTER CROQUETTES, WITH PEAS.—Boil
one-half pint of milk, thicken it with a table-
spoonful of flour and let it become cold.
Mince the meat of a one-pound can of lob-
ster, or one pound of fresh lobster; when
very fine, add a salt-spoonful of salt and half
a salt-spoonful of white pepper. Moisten
the lobster mince with the thickened milk
and work the whole to a paste; add very lit-
tle bread-crumbs if too thin; let it become
amalgamated over the range and place in the
ice-box until wanted; then shape it into neat
rolls or cones; dip them in egg and crumbs
and fry in plenty of hot fat. Arrange the
forms neatly on a dish, put around them a
border of peas, and serve.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—One quart of
flour, two ounces of butter thoroughly blend-
ed therewith, a teaspoonful of salt, two full
teaspoonfuls of Royal baking powder. Mix
with enough milk to make a soft dough.
Roll out to the thickness of biscuit and bake
in a quick oven. When the cake is done
split it in half, butter each half and cover the
lower one with berries, slightly crushed
and sprinkled plentifully with powdered
sugar. Cover this layer with the rest of the
shortcake and crown the whole with the re-
minder of the berries. Serve hot and eat
with sweet cream.

Another recipe: Sift together a pound of
flour, an even teaspoonful of salt, two tea-
spoonfuls of baking powder or a teaspoonful
of cream of tartar, with a half teaspoonful
of soda; add a quarter of a pound of butter,
chopping it into the flour with a knife; butter
or flour two large cake tins or pie plates.
Have your oven hot. Quickly stir it with
the flour about a pint of milk, or enough to
make a soft dough. Divide in two portions;
put a flat cake in each tin. Bake about
twenty minutes. If they begin to burn too
soon cover them with oiled paper (lard or
butter for lard) and only remove it when
they are nearly done. Tear the cakes
apart with a fork, spread a second quarter of
a pound of butter on them while they are
warm enough to melt it. Lay the berries
over this, just plentifully with powdered
sugar, and lay the two slices together.
Whipped cream or uncooked icing mixture
may be substituted for the butter upon the
hot slice of cake as foundation for the ber-
ries.

Farm and Garden.

Don't use any pansprip seed unless it be of
last year's growth, as such seed does not
readily germinate if old.

If a rat get into a chicken-coop it will
every chick if it can have time to carry them
off before being discovered.

Do not kill the mole until satisfied whether
it is an enemy or a friend. Sometimes the
mole destroys a large number of cutworms
and slugs.

If grape cuttings be in rows and do not
seem to be sprouting, water them with diluted
soap-suds twice a week, and keep the ground
clean around them.

Fruit growers complain that the raspberry
and blackberry canes have been very se-
verely injured in some localities this season,
but the crops will probably be as large as
usual.

To fatten poultry quickly confine the birds
for ten days and feed them on a mixture
of cornmeal and potatoes four times a day,
with all the wheat and corn they can eat at
night.

Test the corn for yourself whenever you
plant, using seed from the butt, tip and mid-
dle. Individual experiments will give more
information than can be gained in any other
manner.

Heavy feeding is a good quality in an ani-
mal, and not a fault, as the more food con-
sumed the greater the product, if the proper
kind of animal be used for the purposes re-
quired.

The Courtes Pates is a new French breed
of fowls recently introduced in this coun-
try. They are non-setters, and have very
short legs and large bodies, making a very
compact appearance when dressed for mar-
ket.

Do not let the strawberries mat too thickly
in the rows. It is better to have the space
between the rows cultivated, and manure
worked in, so as to benefit the crop for next
season. Cut away the runners if they become
too numerous.

Keep up the use of paris green on the
potato vines. Every year the number of bugs
is being lessened, and with the aid of paris
green and the parasites that prey on the
green and the parasites that prey on the
beetles the time may come when they will be
exterminated. The rule should be not to al-
low one to escape.

Young ducks should be marketed when
they weigh about three pounds each, and
they will sell either alive or dressed, the best
being sold either alive or dressed, the best
prices being obtained for the dressed car-
cases. The best time for selling young ducks
cases.

is in June and July; they should be plump
and fat.

Never feed all the cows by a certain mea-
sure, giving each cow the same amount as is
given another, as cows differ in their wants
and preferences. The cow that is in full flow
of milk should be given all she may wish to
eat, as she will thereby be better enabled to
give a large quantity of milk.

It is much better to watch for the white
butterfly, the parent of the cabbage worm,
and kill it than to have the annoyance of the
worms. It is not so difficult to keep the cab-
bage free of worms by killing the butterflies
as may be supposed, though it requires con-
stant watchfulness for a time.

Lice will breed on all classes of animals
and fowls at this season unless the quarters
be kept clean. Dry dirt is one of the best
preventives of lice, especially if used on the
floors, but the stock should be examined oc-
casionaly. If in good condition, however,
lice do not attack animals readily.

The time for putting in turnips will soon
be here, and the ground should be made
ready now. Get it as fine as a seed-bed, use
plenty of well-rotted manure, and use new-
crop seed. A crop of turnips can be grown
at a very low cost, and will be found of great
advantage next winter. The rutabagas are
the best for stock purposes.

Hungarian grass and millet are two grass
crops that are grown in summer, the seed
being sometimes sown as late as July, but
June is better should a rain occur. The
Hungarian grass affords several cuttings
during the same season, and is excellent
for horses when cured. Millet grows very
tall, makes a heavy crop, but is mowed only
once. Both crops need rich soil, but can
be grown on sandy soil if it be properly
manured.

Books and Periodicals.

Any of the books here noticed can be had through our
Publication House, 907 Arch Street.

THE EVANGELICAL PASTOR. By Rev. Ed-
ward T. Horn, A.M., Pastor of St. John's,
Charleston, S. C. Philadelphia: G. W.
Frederick. 1887. Pp. 256. Price \$1.

This is a manual for a Lutheran pastor,
and we think would be useful and con-
venient especially to Lutherans of the more
rigid type. It is grounded on the Ameri-
can Lutheran Pastoral Theology of the
late Dr. C. F. W. Walther of St. Louis, and
put in the form of a catechism, so that at
every point of ministerial life, the question is
asked: What did Luther say and what should
a Lutheran teach and do? The book has
some general interest, but its use will be con-
fined to one denomination, in which, how-
ever, it will exercise great influence.

LIPPINCOTT'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. A
Popular Journal of General Literature. The
June number contains—The Whistling Buoy,
a Novel; Heredity, a Poem; Some Records
of Philip Bourke Marston; The Philadelphia
Wistart Parties; The Exchanged Crusader,
a Story; A Coin of Lesbos, a Poem; Social
Life at Cornell; A Physician's View of
Exercise and Athletics; The Lonely Clear, a
Poem; Our Monthly Gossip; and Book-
Talk.

LITTEL'S LIVING AGE. The number of
Littell's Living Age for the week ending
June 11th contains—The Present Position of
European Politics, part V., Fortnightly Re-
view; The Pilgrims, Temple Bar; German
Life in London, Nineteenth Century; Het-
a Romance of the Bush, Macmillan's Maga-
zine; Peacock, Temple Bar; At Bosig, Gen-
tleman's Magazine; May Day as it is and
Was, Standard; A Result of Education in
India, Morning Post; "Off with his Head,"
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Literary Notes.

A new edition of a work of great value
and rare interest, by Rev. James Freeman
Clarke, with the title, "Life and Times of
Jesus, as related by Thomas Didymus," is
nearly ready for publication by Lee and
Shepard, Boston. This book was first pub-
lished by this firm in 1881, and at once com-
manded wide attention. Of the author's
books, this is his favorite one. It gives a
vivid picture of the world as it was when
Jesus came, and brings before the mind of
the reader a remarkably clear view of Jesus.
His conversations and acts, as they appeared
to His disciples and to strangers, placing
Him in a new point of view, and showing
Him as He must have seemed at first to His
followers. The book also explains obscure
passages and difficult texts in the Gospels,
and these explanations are frequently the re-
sult of much careful labor.

"The Obelisk and its Voices," is the title
of a little book (a novelty in the book line),
styled by Mr. Winthrop as both memorable
and memorial, giving a description of im-
pressions made upon the mind of the author,
General Henry B. Carrington, U. S. A., dur-
ing an ascent of the Washington Monument,
February 22, this year. It is in press, and
will at once appear under the auspices of Lee
and Shepard.

Married.

At Reformed Parsonage, Ringtown, May
28th, 1887, by Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Mr. Henry
Kolthoff, of Nuremberg, Luzerne county, Pa.,
to Miss Mary Zintle, of the same place.

Near Butlersville, Pa., May 29th, 1887, by
Rev. C. W. Summey, Mr. John C. Diehl to
Miss Annie Walter.

At Williamsport, Pa., May 31st, 1887, by
Rev. D. H. Leader, Mr. Louis Estel to Miss
Mary A. Field, both of Roaring Branch, Pa.

At Butler, Pa., June 6, 1887, by Rev. D.
N. Harnish, U. S. Grant Carroll to Miss
Rose Boyd, both of St. Petersburg, Clarion
county, Pa.

At the same place, by the same, June 8,
1887, Geo. C. Biehl to Miss Sarah Best, both
of Butler, Pa.

Obituaries.

Obituaries to be inserted must be no longer
than three hundred words.

DIED.—On the 10th inst., Peter Sloyer, of
Canal Township, Venango county, Pa., aged
62 years, 4 months, and 25 days.

The deceased was born in Gruenewich
Township, Berks county, Pa., December 15,
1824. He was baptized in his infancy and
in his youth received into the Lutheran
church by confirmation. No organization of
his own church being within reach, he con-
nected himself a few years ago with the St.
John's Reformed church at Deckards, Pa.
He was a consistent member of the church
for forty six years, and he was very highly
esteemed as a neighbor and citizen. In his
illness, which lasted for fourteen years, he
endured much but bore it all with remark-
able patience and heroism. For six of the
fourteen years he was helpless. Of him it
may be truly said—He fought a good fight;
he finished his course; he kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown
of righteousness, which the Lord the right-
eous Judge shall give him at that day, and
not to him only, but unto all them also who
love His appearing.

A faithful and devoted wife and six child-
ren remain to mourn his departure, whilst he
has gone to meet the eight children who pre-
ceded him into the eternal world.

The funeral services took place on the 12th
of May, 1887, and were largely attended.
The pastor was assisted by the Rev. E. E.
Belden of the U. B. Church. SIGMA.

DIED.—In Mercersburg, Pa., on the 15th
of May, Mrs. Wilhelmina Rupley, wife of
Elder G. G. Rupley, aged 67 years, 6 months
and 1 day.

Mrs. Rupley was the oldest daughter of
William and Elizabeth Baxter. She was
born in Lancaster city. In her early years
her parents moved to Elizabethtown, and
thence to Shippensburg, where her father
edited and published a paper. He came to
Mercersburg in 1843 and began the publica-
tion of what was called "The Visitor," which
afterwards became the "Mercersburg Jour-
nal." It was here that Miss Baxter first met
Mr. Rupley to whom she was married April
8th, 1847. The ceremony was performed
by Rev. Wm. Phillips. She was the mother
of eight children, two sons and six daughters.
Three daughters died in their infancy. She
had five grandchildren. Mrs. Rupley, then
Miss Baxter, became a member of Trinity
Reformed church by confirmation on Novem-
ber 24, 1844, and continued this relation
until her death. She was a devoted and
affectionate wife. She was one of the best of
mothers, thoughtful and provident in provid-
ing for the wants of her family, which she
loved with all the wealth of a mother's
affection. Her love was reciprocated by all
the members of her household. She was
happy in them and they in her, and her life
in this respect was one of pleasure and sweet
contentment, for

"Love can answer love,
And render bliss secure."

As a neighbor she was always ready to as-
sist in time of need, comfort in time of sick-
ness, sorrow and bereavement. She was in-
terested in the welfare of all about her and
willing to aid in every worthy charitable
object or enterprise. During the latter years
of her life she was sorely afflicted. For
about a dozen years, she had a disease that
is slow in its progress but terrible in its ra-
vages, which filled her days with pain and
her nights with suffering. Gradually it wore
her strength away, and she realized long
before her death that she could expect no re-
lief to what she believed to be the will of God
and bore her great sufferings with patience,
grace and cheerfulness, that was a surprise
to many that saw her. Kind hands ministered
to her in her affliction and what kindness
and love could do to lighten her sufferings
and give her comfort she enjoyed to the full-
est extent. She made every preparation for
her departure that any one could, and her
husband, children and friends have the as-
surance, that she now sleeps in Jesus, free
from all care and pain, in the world of beauty
and peace above.

"So He giveth His beloved sleep."

Her funeral took place on Tuesday after-
noon and was largely attended. Her re-
mains were interred in Fairview Cemetery.
H. M. R.

DIED.—In Schuylkill Haven, May 16th,
1887, Hugh Robert Wilson, aged 40 years, 4
months and 10 days.

Brother Wilson was a true Christian gen-
tleman. He was a deacon and Sunday-
school superintendent in St. John's Reformed
church, Schuylkill Haven; both offices he
filled with ability and fidelity. He was such
a genial and good man that he was beloved
by every one. The church was crowded on
the day of his funeral. He was in the em-
ploy of the P. and R. Railroad Company for
twenty-five years. He commenced as car-
marker and finished as ticket agent at Port
Clinton. His Christian virtues were dis-
played in his family, in society and in the
church.

He will be missed by all who honor and
love Christian manhood. He leaves a widow
and four children to mourn his loss. We
commit those bereaved ones into the hand
of a faithful Heavenly Father, "who will
supply all their needs according to His riches
in glory by Christ Jesus." O. H. S.

DIED.—In East End of Brush Valley,
Centre county, Pa., on May 27, 1887, Daniel
Walker, aged 79 years, 10 months and 18
days.

The subject of the above notice was one
of the founders of Grace Reformed church,
East End, Brush Valley. During the last
six months this small congregation lost, by
death, its two oldest members, Mrs. Charlotte
Stoner, who departed this life February 5th,
aged 76 years, 2 months and 12 days, and
the subject of this notice. Both had origi-
nally been members of the Lutheran church,
but for reasons of their own transferred their
membership years ago to Grace Reformed
church, of which they remained consistent
members to the close of their earthly exist-
ence.

DIED.—In Vernon Township, Crawford
county, Pa., May 27, 1887, Fanny Agnes,
youngest daughter of William Brown, aged
21 years, 5 months and 23 days.

Religious Intelligence.

Home.

The Brooklyn *Examiner*, a Roman Catholic paper, says it has no doubt that a majority of the priests in the city of New York, and nearly half of those in Brooklyn, believe in the land-taxation theory of Mr. George. It denounces the *Freeman's Journal* for representing the theory to be that "private property is a crime."

In the class which graduated at Auburn Theological Seminary on Thursday evening, May 5th, four continents were represented; addresses were made by six members of the class, chosen by lot; and much satisfaction was expressed by the friends of the Seminary, now in its 67th year, with the many evidences of growth and good work.

The Presbytery of Chicago at a recent meeting overruled the General Assembly to abolish its Permanent Committee on Temperance, on the ground that the Church is the proper Temperance Society, and that the existing Committee is a useless encumbrance of the machinery of the Presbyterian Church. It also requested the Assembly to rescind the resolution of last year to raise \$5,000.00 to commemorate the centenary of the Assembly, because it deemed the raising of any such sum impracticable.

The new building soon to be erected in this city for the Lutheran Theological Seminary of the Pennsylvania Synod, will be located on Germantown avenue, Mount Airy, and will be set back 120 feet from the street line. It will have a front of 220 feet on Germantown avenue the centre portion being four stories in height and each wing three stories. There will be two ornamental towers on the building and one at the corner of each wing. Light gray stone, with red Hummelstown slate trimmings, will be used in its construction.

The following Presbyterian Boards are reported as closing the year in debt: Home missions, \$21,682; freedmen, \$14,131; education, \$15,000; publication, \$22,035. The following closed with balance on hand: Foreign missions, \$3,803; church erection, \$15,337; ministerial relief, \$21,390; sustentation, \$4,955. The temperance committee received exactly \$30,755 a decrease from previous year of \$2,476. The church evidently does not consider it a necessity. Things ought to be better. They are better than they were. Let us all join in singing the long meter Doxology anyhow.—*Interior*.

A Negro professed "Messiah" and "Faith Healer" has appeared in Florida. He is said to be named "Yellow Stone Kid." "Is a man of slender build, dark swarthy features, piercing black eyes, dresses very peculiarly, fairly blazing with genuine diamonds." He has appeared in various parts of Florida and Georgia, and it is said—though this is too much to believe—that he carried away \$23,000 from Key West. This was given to him because of his success in giving sight to the blind and curing the lame and sick. In one place an attempt was made to assassinate him, and he was severely injured. Like other humbugs of the kind he will have a run.—*Christian Advocate*.

The Presbyterian Church, as announced by the Moderator in General Assembly, has now amended its Confession of Faith in one particular. The section which forbids a man whose wife has died to marry her sister has been most wisely omitted. It has been a dead letter this long while, and in one case a man who had married his deceased wife's sister was Moderator of the Assembly, and was president of the chief theological seminary of the Church. But in this case there was no disloyalty on his part, or on the part of those who elected him, to the Presbyterian Church or its Creed, for no minister is required to declare his absolute acceptance of every single statement in the Creed, but only that he believes that it "contains" the "system of doctrine" taught in the Holy Scriptures.

At the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, June 3d, Dr. A. C. Vermilye, chairman of the Committee on Overtures, reported on the memorials submitted in regard to the organic union of the Reformed Church in America with the Presbyterian Church. The report recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

First: That the indications of providence are not of such a nature as to make the present effort of some in this direction wise or hopeful of good to the Church. From all present appearances it would only be detrimental to our peace in unity and prosperity.

Second: That the present duty of our Reformed Church, its ministers and members, is not to agitate and probably disrupt itself with vain questions, but, with evidently much possible work, to do its duty as God has given and gives to us locally and faithfully until such a time as the workings of His Spirit shall indicate much more manifestly than at present that our denominational work is done. The report elicited a warm and friendly discussion by Drs. Chambers, Vermilye, Phraner and others, and, when put to the vote, was unanimously adopted.

Foreign.

The "Church Army," the Anglican rival of the Salvation Army, was started about five years ago by the Rev. Willard Carile, a young curate of London. It employs workmen to reach workingmen, and seems to be growing in strength and influence.

A number of the Roman Catholic Church dignitaries in Scotland and England are taking steps to have Mary, Queen of Scots, enrolled among the saints recognized by Rome. It is also proposed to erect a Roman Catholic church at Linlithgow in memory of Queen Mary.

A circular has been sent to 1,000 representative members of the Wesleyan Church, asking their opinion of the Government's Irish Coercion bill. Sixty-nine per cent. of those who received the circular condemn the measure. Of the minority a large number condemn the proposed law individually, but refuse to sign petitions against it on the ground that they do not approve, as members of the Church, of meddling with politics.

Only five thousand copies of the newly-revised version of Luther's Bible, it is said, have been printed. Of the English Revised Bible three million copies were sold in a year. In Germany the people take no interest in the revision; it is a movement of theologians, and they are afraid to touch Luther's Bible,

which is the only bond of union among German Protestants. It will soon undergo a final revision, to be completed in 1889.

It has become quite the thing to furnish the missions with small steamers—the "Henry Venn," on the Niger; the "Plymouth" and the "Livingstone," on the Congo below the Falls, and the "Peace" and the "Henry Reed," on the Upper Congo; the "John Brown" of the Mendi Missions of the United Brethren; the "Henry Wright," around the Island of Zanzibar; the "Hala" and the "Charles Janson," on Lake Nyassa; the "Good News," on Lake Tanganyika; the "Eleanor," on the great Victoria Nyanza; the "Allen Gardner," about the coasts of South America; the "John Williams," the new "Morning Star," the "Ellen Gowan," the "Mary," the "Henrietta," the "Day-spring," the last all in the South Pacific. These vessels are all engaged in the sole work of bearing missionaries about from place to place, as they preach the Gospel to the unevangelized.—*Examiner*.

IF WE KNEW.

But we don't know. We sometimes criticize our neighbor's short-comings when we do not know the disadvantages under which he suffers. If he has lost an arm, or if he is so lame that he has to walk on crutches, we can see his infirmity and pity him accordingly. If he is subject to some nervous disorder, which does not affect his gait nor make any great difference in his outward appearance, he has very little sympathy from any one. He may have some tremendous weight of mental worry oppressing him, but he gets no pity from those who know nothing about it and cannot appreciate the hidden troubles under which he labors. Thousands of men have made failures of their lives from carrying burdens of worry and vexation which distracted their nerves, demoralized their brains, and wrecked them beyond remedy. It would be well for all such to remember that Compound Oxygen cures nervous depression, insomnia, neuralgia, and all ills which make life a burden. Hundreds of cases are on record in which this gentle and powerful agent has worked wonders. Drs. Starkey & Palen, of 1529 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., send a treatise giving these reports free to all applicants.

Some of our exchanges are discussing the question, "What is a dude?" A dude is to a man what a tea-store chromo is to a painting by Meissonier.—*Norristown Herald*.

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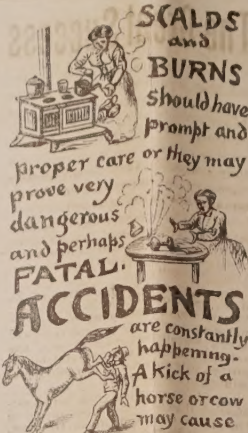
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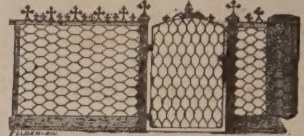
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